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The Northfield Seminary Church

EAST NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

HAROLD B. INGALLS
CHAPLAIN

13 September, 1940

Dear Dr. Speer,

You told me once when we were talking that I might read the account of Elliot's life that you wrote for his children. I have not been able to get to Lakeville to do this, but am very eager to see it. Would you be willing to send me a copy so that I may read it this fall? I shall take good care of it and return it soon. It would mean a great deal to Mrs. Ingalls and me, who came here at Elliot's invitation, if we could have this opportunity.

School has opened in fine spirit and we are determined to carry on in paths charted by Elliot and Miss Wilson.

I hope that you and Mrs. Speer are well and that we shall see you when the Trustees come next month.

Cordially yours,

Harold B. Jugalls

Ingalls, Harold B. The Northfield Seminary Church EAST NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS HAROLD B. INGALLS June 7, 1941 CHAPLAIN Dr. Robert E. Speer Rockledge Lakeville Connecticut Dear Dr. Speer: I have sent by prepaid express the two volumes of THE LIFE OF ELLIOTT. Several of us at Northfield read them with deep appreciation and we are unanimous in hoping that they and other material may be made available soon to someone who knew Elliott and who would write a story of his life for publication. remember well how helpful the letters of Maxwell Chaplin and similar volumes were to me as a young student, and I think a Life of Elliott would be even more helpful for he was so much the type of man whom thousands of young people admire. Our best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer. Cordially yours, Harolow. Jugalls Harold B. Ingalls hbi/mds

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EAST NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

HAROLD B. INGALLS CHAPLAIN

15 October, 1942

Dear Dr. Speer:

For some years I have felt the need of material about Round Top and its significance in the lives of men and women who have attended conferences at Northfield. Such material, including either experiences of your own or of people about whom you know, would be most valuable for Round Top services of present and future Northfield students and for summer conference groups.

Will you please take time from your busy life to send me one or more accounts of "life changes " that you know have been made through the influence of Round Top and all that it symbolizes in terms of the historic Christian work of the Seminary and conferences? I shall be very grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

HBI:s Dr. Robert E. Speer Rockledge Lakeville, Conn.

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EAST NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

HAROLD B. INGALLS CHAPLAIN 4 November, 1942

Dear Dr. Speer:

Your letter of October 27 was a great help to me. I have not been able to get anything else from other people nearly as satisfactory as your account of Round Top. Thank you very much for it.

Last Sunday Dr. Alfred Stearns, former headmaster of Andover, was here and gave us a fine talk on Elliott as a school boy at Andover. November 1 has come to be a kind of memorial day on our campus and we all realize each year how much Elliott meant to us, and how much we miss him. Yet at the same time we are always aware of the fact that his personality and his influence are still very active in at least some parts of the two schools. With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

HBI:s Dr. Robert E. Speer Rockledge Lakeville, Conn.



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WESTFIELD, N. J.

VILLIAM KERR MCKINNEY
MINISTER

J. WESLEY INGLES

August 5, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer, % Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Ever since THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD discontinued publication I have been seriously concerned about the need of filling its place. It is my deep conviction that we need an organ that will give the churches a cross-section of what is being done in the various mission fields throughout the world and by the different denominations. It should be a magazine preferably of the size of the Reader's Digest and serving much the same function. It could be made up of articles digested from the various missionary periodicals of the different denominations and independent missionary societies. Such a magazine could be edited by one man at a fairly reasonable cost and with even a moderate circulation should begin to pay for itself.

I should like to undertake the editing of such a magazine to be called simply perhaps THE MISSIONARY REVIEW. Do you think it would be possible for me to interest some of the board of the old and splendid MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD in such a project? I felt that the older REVIEW needed modernizing in format and in general design and spoke to Mr. Pierson about it before its publication was suspended. I believe more strongly than ever that we need a missionary magazine that will cut across denominational boundaries and give the laymen the news from the front. We are suffering a decline in missionary enthusiasm, but such a periodical might well serve to revive interest in the world-wide enterprise of the Kingdom of Christ.

I believe that I have certain unique qualifications for the editing of such a magazine. I am a graduate of Wheaton College, Ill. While there I was editor of the college paper and won all of the literary prizes. I was also president of the Student Volunteer Band in the college. I then studied at Princeton, graduating with honors in 1929, and receiving in the same year the M.A. ir English from the University. I was called immediately to teach English and Bible at The Stony Brook School where I remained for eight years, only giving up my position as our family came along and I desired to continue graduate study. During my term here I have studied at Drew University. It is now my desire to go on into teaching in college

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WESTFIELD, N. J.

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J. WEBLEY INGLES ASSISTANT MINISTER

or into editorial work which will enable me to continue writing. I won the Green Fund Prize in 1930 with my first religious novel, SILVER TRUMPET, and published more recently a second, BLIND CLAMOUR.

My wife is a trained nurse. We have both offered ourselves for service on the foreign field, but with three children it is difficult to secure an appointment. Just last week my sister sailed for South Africa under the South Africa General Mission, and I think I felt as I said farewell to her the old urge to devote my life in some capacity to the missionary cause. I have written articles for various religious periodicals, and would like the chance to edit a magazine devoted to the whole field of missionary endeavor. If the articles were kept largely on a vital human interest level, I believe that they would attract new interest in the heroic service of our missionaries.

I wonder if there are any funds available for the establishing and publication of such a venture. I believe that it would soon become self-supporting and under God could be a great blessing in the life of the Church and in helping to produce the ecumenical spirit within our limiting denominations. I would refer you to Dr. Herrick Young of our Board, to my senior minister, Dr. Wm. K. McKinney, to Dr. Jesse Wilson, Secretary of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, who resides in Westfield, to Mr. Delavan Pierson, and to Mr. Pierson Curtis, for years a colleague of mine on the faculty at Stony Brook, and to Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein, Headmaster of the Stony Brook School.

I should be very happy to talk over with you my ideas if you feel that you would be at all interested in this proposal and in helping me to organize the project. Your life-long devotion to the missionary cause of Christ's Kingdom and your supreme gifts as a Christian statesman have led me to lay before you first my conviction of this need and my desire to answer the challenge to meet it, if you feel that it is feasible and worthwhile.

With the deepest admiration for your leadership,

Heesley Ingles.

Sincerely,

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SAMUEL GUY INMAN

PONDFIELD COURT

BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK

M.A. 7, 1941

Dear Mr Speer :

Before starting on the long job of proposony a new edition - practically revorting - my "Later America", I am sending along this little gretting. I am always hoping I will run with you, but it doesn't happen. Every Menday I ou er Hareford & Wednesdays at Unes. J Penn. Nest year we Disciples more our College of Missens the will continue at U & P and lecturing, which Keeps me going constaully. I am always writing also - Just Juneshed 56 000 words for Sincy. Americana and Compton's has published too, on cipies of my article for them, as are adver. I am leading our Brille High Rehord in Six Wills & A program, which well be used by Melson Rockefellers Commission to quite H Schools ale over the country to do The Same. Between now TW ednesday I must do a Cp, for a book on " Democracy & Dut closs". This summer I am leveling in mile hollege & doing three Internate Conferences, a week each, for the Friends. Market of the transfer of the tra hed to refuse an attructive offer to go to So. amer. for the Jin's this Summer.

Mour Christmas notes are Kept in my disk folker so I can see them I remember the Jose old days. "Rething Religion" is greatly appreciated and is slimbelating We will try to follow your suggestion I get to see you this spring - altho we have no car. I find It would be so good to see you and any I the family that might be with you and ar link hear about the others. I am glad to see by the pries that you are year the standing out against the Besst of Revolutions; I believe he is on his way to defect and we to a better world:

I'm glas Mrs. D. dedn't get mixed up with the Communess Space. Relief crowd, as did poor Helin Keller o how to rependent the group!

Sept. 6, 1941.

Dear Miss Eklund:

Thank you for telephoning me about Dr. Ortz. What a wonderful life he has lived! I hope some one capable of doing his saga from his entrance into the presthood, on through his joining the Protestant Church, in his fight for freedom, through his acceptance of my invitation to edit "La Nueva Democracia", and his later aid to the Spanish Republic, will write the inspiring story. Such a story might likewise bring out his personality as a Christian gentleman and his association through com. on Coop.

in Latin America with three other men of his same sweet skirit - Robert E. Speer, George B. Winton and S.H. Chester, What a fellowship that was-andis! How muchit 9.19 to Brebare for Bresent generobment of Inter-American understanding, few will be able to appreciate.

Thave just sent Mrs. Ortz the following telegram, which I should like to have considered as a part of the record:

Mrs. John Ortz Gonzalez Richmond, Va.

Deepest sympathy on the passing into the greater life of your wonderful husband, one of the most beloved friends, one of the finest Christian gentleman, one of the sincerest intention

interpreters of Jesus, the world ever lanew. He lives on in his family, his work, his writings and the lives he has redeemed. (Signed) Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Inman

I know the passing of Dr. Ortzis
a blow to you, who formed such an
intimate part of the circle that for so
many years worked and prayed and strived
together for our beloved Latin America.
If the circle we loved now seems to be
broken, may be, with eyes of faith we
can see that it is only "lost awhile".

Yours Faithfully S.G. Inman RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF CLERGYMEN AND LAYMEN HELD IN NEW YORK CITY, DECEMBER 23, 1940, AT WHICH TIME A COMMITTEE WAS ORGANIZED TO BE KNOWN AS THE " INTER-FAITH COMMITTEE FOR AID TO THE DEMOCRACIES."

We, the undersigned, speaking both as churchmen and as citizens, call the attention of our fellow-Americans to the gravity of the present situation. It is the acknowledged policy of our country, approved by the vast majority of its citizens, that Great Britain, the outstanding representative of free institutions in Europe, must not be allowed to fall. On behalf of all democratic peoples she is fighting for the ideals of our civilization in which Christians, Jews, and all other men and women of religious faith are concerned. Her people are standing up under appalling assaults on their cities and shipping with stedfast courage. But courage alone will not suffice; they must be supplied with planes and ships, with munitions and food.

We, therefore, urge that such supplies be freely given or lent her by our country. If we recognize that she is fighting for freedom against tyranny, it is shameful to drive bargains with her for the necessary weapons to continue the struggle. She is paying in the lives of her brave aviators and seamen, and of her no less brave civilian population, her women and children.

Further, we urge that the President call a conference of the representatives of all democratic peoples (both those whose lands have been invaded and those still independent) to counsel together for the defense of our liberties and to set forth our common purpose to achieve a world in which freemen can live.

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Dr. Robert 6. Speer Lakeville Conn.

My dear Doctor Speec. Suddenly, in June 1942 the War cut off au principal support - and threatened World Fellowship's collabre for non-payment of taxes, mortgage dues and other unescapable obligations. But, scores of friends made self-sacrificing contributions. World Fellowship's life was saved. Indeed, 1942 became the very best of all our 25 years of growing service. 118 young folks stayed at our mew youth Hostel; 41 others at our Liodge; 159 people lived 1450 days in our 388 acres and 6 buildings New, practicable ideals were developed for the World-wide Organization of Peace and Pleaty, Security and Progress, Freedom and tellowship for all marking Now as our New Year begins, will you kelf World Fellowshif to continue - and advance Will you please please a specified own thouthy? Will you kindly send us, now, the largest most guerous In time of Har, prefare for Peace? Very heartily yours,

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Dur mr Spur:

And good it was to hear from your at Christman, I am looking proceed to.

reading the Noble lecture, gurn by Canon Biggaut with much pleasure. The inversplan I have head over friendship has been a deep reterfying spring your flowing water for these many upears. Threstreen leaders come and go, but none in our time have been your against in a sembination of brilleauce, humility and homesty. I saw Billy Shell on the street the other day - he lives there, you know - and he said he had just heard upon in a series of addressing that were the your in a series of addressing that were the against of day him "the gay nineties" agust of whenever you were the gayest and best.

What do upon think of the Latest altack of the Al's on Leten American debuty - withdraws Protest, Mes our friends to enslovement! mission and leave our friends to enslovement! The Mekes me would show up the site steen! Fire and we would show up the site steen! Fire year written an article for Christian broughest year written an article for Christian broughest which will brough down much wrath - and which will brough down much wrath - and which will brough down much wrath in cancelling I enjoyements, Hold yourself in cancelling I enjoyements, thou yourself in tendences to save me - as you have done many a readences to save me - as you have done many a time.

John Robert in the army and others in War John Robert in the army and others in War Dept, and other war activities, the are glad to have seven Immans or in laws operating against Fascians. I hope all the Speers are happy in your service, I'm I hope all the Speers are happy in your service, I'm sure you are all rentering. Lovingly Grey

Doct sends for toyo

Innes, George

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BARBARA WORTH

EL CENTRO * CALIFORNIA May 5 43 Dear Robert. you wrote me you had only 20 more years to go. Since I have thirty I came out to Calif six weeks ago omes Imes of hove been getting of steam for the last lap. In down in the harvest fields now Mis Junes Staying in Foo langeles, The havest field here orderage 40 feet below sea level-a marvelously fruitful balley. Fred mae millan wrote me about seeing you in ohio some time a go & and stocke of you & Campbell white being with you in the U.F. Churches in This. Deor Cam. White, and erealite underd in Whom there is no quile. You the plan to visit the churches in Jowa next Winter & let me be your advance agent. How I would love it. In reading Wilkies "One world" but read. Herbert agars "a hime for Treatness" In working to develope some new farm devices. Fore JESTY Thus
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November 23, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer Rockledge Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

It has been some considerable time since I received your kind letter and I meant to answer before this time but I have been awaiting the development of a situation which has now developed.

It was interesting to hear what unanimous effort the Speer family is giving to help to right the whole chaotic condition that the world is in. I wish I could report to you that our family is as directly in the front in these enterprises as yours are but of course, as you know, Brainerd has been in a sanitarium since shortly after he graduated from Princeton in 1924 and John, who is now 37, is in a sanitarium school outisde of Philadelphia, and Robert, who has two little girls, has been working in connection with war goods construction here and Don is with me in this business where we are making mostly farm equipment and some airplane parts in our factory -- all of which is recognized as quite essential to the war effort.

Mrs. Innes is well and keeps up her activities in the Church, Red Cross, and other engagements the same as always.

This year for the first time our business has reached a situation where we can safely use a percentage of our earnings for religious and charitable work. Of course, we have made contributions to the U. S. O. Funds and so on, but we observe that many concerns are contributing quite heavily for such needs at times like this and forget that the hundred years of the missionaries packing their lives into the difficult situation abroad has resulted in many of the men from America finding friends even in the most remote islands where they probably would have been the victims of cruelties but were spared because in thos islands the missionary had been. I am hoping and thinking it is a reasonable belief that as time goes on after the war many more will recognize that there is no such thing as a world peace apart from the Prince of Peace and my hope is that the churches will more and more conclude that the thing that they long for and the thing Christian people are willing to give life for will be more readily accomplished in an atmosphere where the spirit of Christianity has prepared the way. am not very competant as a prophet but at least I have been saying during this past year that I think there is a chance for Christianity to make greater strides in China and change the whole texture of that country more in the next fifty years than perhaps we have seen accomplished in any one foreign area in our lifetime. Therefore Iam enclosing this check to you. Of course, it is for the Board of

Foreign Missions of our church, but I know the reasons will be obvious to you why I send this check to you and request that you do not endorse it to the Board but that you buy a draft and send the draft to them as I think it prudent that our name does not appear on any records as contributors. You can simply say that a friend of yours asked you to send this. I am enclosing my own check also to be used for the exchange and if the three dollars I am sending is not sufficient, kindly let me know.

Mrs. Innes, if she were here at the office, would be joining with me in sending our kindest greetings both to Mrs. Speer and yourself.

affectionately

Irving, George

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September 18, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert:-

Yesterday at the meeting of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council I, as nominal chairman of the Committee on the Week of Prayer, was instructed to write you and to express, as strongly as I could, the appreciation of the group, first, for your willingness to prepare the Studies for the Week of Prayer, and, secondly, for the splendid outline which you have sent. The group had no suggestions but felt that you had been wisely guided in choosing the topics as you have.

We had an impressive luncheon when we presented both Charles Schaeffer and Hiram Foulkes with small sized monuments which did not impress me very cheerfully. However, the motives were all good and the two victims seemed to appreciate the effort.

Affectionately yours,

GI:h

George Irving

Irving, George

Later !

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December 19, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Robert:-

Referring to the request of Leland H. Koewing, Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Tucson, Arizona, for you to speak there at the Preaching Mission on Sunday, February first, the following is the situation. After talking to you yesterday I sent him air mail a letter as per the attached copy. This morning, on reaching the office, I have the following wire from him to which I have replied as follows -

"Dr. Speer indicates willingness to speak for our Preaching Mission Sunday night February first as per my letter which he says he sent you, if you are willing. Stop. Our committee meets noon Friday. Could you confirm the arrangement? Wire me Friday morning collect." Leland Koewing

"Saw Speer yesterday. He regretfully agrees cannot go Tucson" G.I.

This, I think, should close the incident. I feel quite certain in view of the fact that we earlier promised that you would preach in Bisbee, we must stick to that arrangement. There are also, in my judgment, other good reasons for your not going to Tucson, which we do not need to mention.

We had a thoroughly rewarding time together yesterday. Perhaps it is just as well that one always leaves such a fellowship with the feeling that we should have had more time. I should have particularly liked to have followed through on your own comment, and that of John Mackay, in regard to the need in our own field (1) for some explosion, and (2) for more adequate study periods for ministers.

In regard to the need for an explosion I feel certain that is most likely to come as we press upon ministers and other disciples of Christ the high privilege and duty of bearing their testimony for Christ to individuals. I personally have never known of a revival where this was not an important and essential part of the development.

In regard to the need for ministers drawing aside for a week of study, I am certain that is right, but I am equally certain that what we are doing is much more likely to stimulate developments to the larger end than if we just stopped on a seminary campus and drew up blueprints of the sort of

thing that should be done. Our theological seminaries have had a chance for a good many years to help ministers now in the field. Up to the present it would seem that there is still a good way for them to go in that direction.

It was a great delight being with you yesterday.

Affectionately yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF FAITH AND LIFE GEORGE IRVING, DIRECTOR

827 233 Witherspoon Building Philadelphia, Pa. March 10, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer Lakeville. Conn.

Dear Robert:-

Here is the copy of a letter which I sent to each of those who gave us money in response to your letter. I hope it meets with your approval.

I feel certain we could do a real service to a number of people of considerable means and, at the same time, greatly facilitate our work by seeking sizeable gifts for this service. As you know Boards do not usually carry on a work unless there are some signs of people of means being interested in it.

I hope you are having a great time in Newark where I do not have your address.

Affectionately yours

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March 9, 1942

Mrs. David Lindsay Gillespie 903 Amberson Avenue Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Gillespie:-

Barly last week I returned from a series of ten Faith and Life Seminars with Presbyterian ministers. When one remembers that over 2500 ministers have met in these seminars during the past four seasons, and that at each point there were clear signs of the work of the living Spirit of God, one begins to see how highly multiplying this service is. Dr. Rêbert E. Speer, who did as great work at every point as at any time in his distinguished career, has given me an estimate of these opportunities. Dr. Speer writes this note for you.

"Dr. Irving and I are just back from a series of ten conferences with Presbyterian ministers in nine western states, ending in California. Three hundred and more mon attended these seminars. The smallest enrollment, I think, was 19, and the largest in Texas, over 70. The time was not given to talk of mechanics, or administration, but to frank and honest consideration of the intellestual and spiritual problems of the minister to-day. his preaching, his personal relationships, his study, his mossage, his own life. The men who come were eager for help and I think they got what they came for. The conferences ended without an adverse note, and I believe the men went back to their fields, many to lonely places, with more courage and hope, with clearer minds, and warmer hearts. I don't believe any part of our church's work to-day has been more needed, more welcomed, or more useful than these conferences, and I want to thank you again for your generous help."

Among a very considerable number of letters awaiting me on my return from this trip I take the following comments from men who attended one of these gatherings.

"Words fail me in an endeavor to express the benefits I derived from attending the seminar. It was my first, but certainly not my last."

"The seminar program is one of the finest things our church is doing for ministers and we simply must have another one next year."

"The sominar at Hastings was just what I needed for aiding my spiritual life."

"I want to thank you for the Faith and Life Seminar. It was a great inspiration to mo. I always leave these meetings feeling 'this is holy ground for God is here'. I believe that in these seminars the Board is meeting a great need in the church. This was my third seminar and I shall travel a great distance for more. I get something there I need so much and am not able to find it anywhere else."

I had time yesterday, while driving home 100 miles back up near the foot of Mt. Adams, to think over some of the great things that we obtained while together in Portland, and I am sure that only Eternity will be able to tell of the great influence it will have on the lives and the communities to which the ministers went back."

After ever thirty-five years in Christian service I cannot recall any work that seemed to be more timely, or more profitable in advancing the cause of Christ than the bringing together of such a large percentage of our pasters for these periods of fellowship in the things of Christ.

I wish I might have an opportunity before long of laying quietly before you some aspects of this opportunity which seem very promising indeed.

With sincere appreciation of your help already given, I am,

Cordially yours,

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George Irving

Irving, George BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCA OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAUL CALVIN PAYNE, GENERAL SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF FAITH AND LIFE 827 WITHERSPOON BUILDING GEORGE IRVING, DIRECTOR PHILADELPHIA, PA. May 7, 1943 Dr. Robert E. Speer Lakeville, Conn. Dear Robert:-The Dubuque Seminar was one of the very best we have ever had. I honestly never heard you when you were more effective, nor when you received a warmer response from the men in the group. It is particularly gratifying as we started with rather a difficult and unresponsive company. My debt to you was already so heavy I do not see how it could be increased, but that has happened. The check for your expenses will either be enclosed herewith or will go forward within a day or two. I have added \$25.00 to your modest honorarium as a slight recognition of the very considerable time you had to spend both at the seminar and getting there and back. I am counting on you for the seminar au Auburn, N.Y. for

I am counting on you for the seminar au Auburn, N.Y. for November 29-30 and will advise you of the exact location when I receive notice of it.

When I was with you I did not know that a seminar was definitely set for Chestnut Level September 28-29. They are eager to have you with us there. Can you come? I certainly hope so.

Herewith I return the letter of Horace Coleman. I appreciate keenly your willingness to follow through with him in this important matter.

Your suggestion that he might give \$5,000., which would cover my salary, is a good one provided it appeals to him.

The total budget of this department, practically all of which is devoted to carrying on and following up these seminars, for the church year 1942-43 was \$14,631. If you think it would be better to make the one proposal of \$5,000 please do that. If, however, you think it would be well for him to have other possibilities in mind it might be well to tell him that the total expense of travel for speakers and the Director and including honoraria is \$6,000.

While we have not been able, because of reorganization, to settle definitely the department budget for 1943-44, it will certainly not be less than the year just closed.

The more I think of it my judgment would be that you should (1) tell him the total budget; (2) what amount of that is used for honoraria and travel, \$6,000; and (3) that you suggest, if neither of the above appeals to him, the \$5,000 item. Of course you have been doing this sort of thing much longer than I have and know him so much better you will know exactly how to handle the matter.

I would have sent you a typewritten statement of this situation which you might have inclosed in your letter, but I thought it might be better if you just stated it in your own way.

I would be glad if he would send his check to you which you could then make payable to "J.C Sunter, Treasurer, Board of Christian Education," and send it to me so that I would be certain it was credited in the proper way.

If Horace can give at least \$5,000 in this calendar year it will be an immense help not only in carrying on this work but in strengthening it in many ways.

Very cordially yours,

GI:h

George Irving

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June 8, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer c/o Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania Wilson College Chambersburg, Penna.

Dear Robert:-

DEPARTMENT OF FAITH AND LIFE

GEORGE IRVING, DIRECTOR

Please send me an item of your expenses in connection with the Concord trip.

The more I think of that meeting the more thankful I am for the opportunity we had. Fay and I spent Friday afternoon at the college, having dinner with the Cozarts at night. I was finally able to get a room north by boarding a train where they told me there was no space of any kind.

I hope you had a reasonably comfortable trip to Cincinnati and that you are having a good time at the Synod.

Affectionately yours,
George Irving

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P.S. The following are extracts from letters received from two ministers who were with us in the Dubuque seminar:-

"Dr. Speer and you, through your leadership, had and gave the spiritual guidance and uplift that I needed. Dr. Little was very helpful in his practical suggestions in pastoral theology. I learned much from each of you that is helping to 'gird up the loins' of my mind."

"Dr. Speer's suggestion of 'Not leaders but Disciples' keeps running through my heart. It has killed a lot of false ambition and has brought a lot of inner peace."

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June 29, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert:-

Your card and letter of June 22d to hand.

I am, of course, profoundly interested in your missionary Anniversary for the first week of January. I at once called up Homrighausen to see if he could make the change to the 11th and 12th of the following week. He said that would be virtually impossible for him but he could come for the 18th and 19th. I then telegraphed Jim Howard, who is in charge of our arrangements in Florida. He agrees to the 18th and 19th, so we will consider that settled. As we get nearer to the date I will be writing further about plans for arrival, etc.

I shall gladly follow your suggestion about beeping Horace Coleman informed of the developments in our work. He is a young man of great wealth and I hope some day will find some very large major interest into which he can pour both his time and his money. His gift through you is an immense help in this particular enterprise.

Thank you for sending the minute in regard to Dave Porter's resignation. Dave is one of the greatest souls I know who has been hounded all his life for what I suspect are family reasons by shortage of money. The school it would seem to me has done a quite generous thing with him.

I hope you have a most glorious summer. If it ever gets the least bit warm you can think of my pile of good, hard birch being burned in an open fireplace to keep us from being chilly at night.

There is some little talk about our Board sponsoring some experimental summer schools where men would get credits toward a degree. While I am scared of the final results of such a movement I am doing my best to explore it sympathetically and shall be glad to have you keep that in mind as a possible development of the work in which you and I have had such glorious experiences.

I have had a very warm letter from the principal of one of the schools, who was with us at Concord, expressing his thanks to you in very specific fashion.

There is an interest aroused in a seminar for Arkansas Synod. The Moderator of the Synod, John P. McConnell, of Fayette-ville, spoke to Jim Clarke about it and also to our Willis LaMott. If we could get from Fresno for the seminar there November 22-23 would you hold that and we would celebrate Thanksgiving probably on the way home.

Affectionately yours,

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67 MRS. GEORGE IRVING (Christina) Thy dear \$1 Speen, Frank and I arrived back here this livering and the first letter I opened mas yours. I just dont know Low & express to for Low Ruth & Frank & I felt yesterday (nos it only Jesterday) when we listened t fon talking about our dear one. Georges brother &

Sister only wished the shale family cored have been there - It was just so exactly that we wanted for to say I am so sorry for had. the unfortunate tooth expensive of trust for sere able I have I fixed with out too much trouble. 9 never, never, can Hark for enough for comining. It all seemed so dreadful to

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Dec.15, 1943.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Very many thanks for your kind note. It certainly helps in allaying the vacant feeling in one's life to have the prayerful sympathy of friends like yourself.

As you may have discovered from The Presbyterian, when I couldn't get you for the funeral service, I asked Dr.R.R.Littell, as a member of the Board, and Rev.David R. Jones, present pastor of Hollond-Scotts, to share in the service; and when I found that Minot C.Morgan had come from Greenwich, I asked Dr.L.to give him a share-also. Altogether it was a very fitting service. Miss Morris and Mrs.Weir were among those who accompanied us to the crematorium. Since then Alma and I have further carried out mamma's wishes by taken the ashes to Trenton and putting them beside her first-born in the Riverview cemetery. The present pastor of Trenton Fifth conducting the final committal, which was appropriate, I think.

Do you remember how, when you preached the sermon at my ordination, you said that, if you could give me your message in one word, you would tell me to "remember "? Well, I have plenty to remember now, and plenty to look forward to, also. On the other sade mamma and papa are doing a big work, and some day I'll be there to join them in it:

In the meantime we hope some day to return to India to sprewad the glad tidings there; and, since the immediate prospect for that return is not very bright, Herrick Young is suggesting that we try helping the Presby. Church in Honesdale. Therefore we expect to trek up there, near Scranton, the last of this month, so that I may be able to supply their pulpit

during January. For this we crave your prayers, for the work is for me brand new, and in a church of that size there is

likely to be a great deal to be done.

We have rejoiced with you in the return of your daughter on this last trip of the Grippsholm. I wish we could have been in New York for the conference and to meet some of the folks. Your daughter must have plenty to tell you about her experiences over there during the last year and more:

Again, thanking you for you r note, and with best wishes

for a bleesed Christmas for you and all yours,

Affectionately,

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Robert E.Speer D.D.

Dear Christian Friend:

extress thanks in this added way for the Spirit which prompted you to prepare such a great program for this year's Week of Prayer.

I am so glad it is the thought of the leaders to make a continuing prayer prorgam leading to the National Christian Mission of next yr.

May you continue to be of much good in all righteous matters and do pray for one more of the younger men of The Ministry whose name appears at the close of this word to you.

Very truly yours,

2006 E. Madison St., Philadelphia, Penna.

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McCornick Road Jrs Charlottosville Vinginia July 14, -Dear Dr Speer .for miling you in this Lot and Luky summer and em askeing from To do Dometheig for mo? My Dièce Dancy Cochiane is in Youching and Las Leeu kuterned there for Tracey months. I kelion Ime daugstee is with her and m Lan Leeve Loping Hat puchapo gm Lan Lad Jone nord from Lee aced Dome

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(Jenks?)Bill Lakeville, Conn. April 15, 1940 Dear Mr. Speer, The first week you were away we had good spring weather. Last Saturday morning when I woke up I found about three inches of saow covering the ground and the wind Blowing about sixty miles an hour. I've got about half of the lawn cleaned up. There was so smuch snow still on the ground this morning I got Cubly to help Ime those big trees from the band down to the foot of the hill. That one big tree was just all we could handle. I'de say it weighed about five hundred pounds. We put it on the big sleigh and it was so heavy it cut into the lawn about two inches. Tell Mrs. Speer there are plenty of birds here now a bunch of flowering should came today by Express. I will keep them wel until you return. I ordered four MeIntoch apple trees from Bornard's. Hoping you are having a fine time as everything is alright race.

Sincerely yours,

Jefferson, Amanda M 139 Donet, Vt. Sept 8/42. Dear Dr. Robert I Lave Seen Finding how om beloved Emily Minor would like to wish In Kappy Birthda! and who can day that the the many mansions above? Hote she loved "156" and her little visits there. Many times has she wild me the trumber of the one that would pass her door by take her within two blocks Jour Delved Board Room!

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Quanda M. Jefferson

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9 Hamilton Avenue, Princeton, New Jersey, November 24, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Robert:

As you will see by the enclosed minutes, the Board of Managers and the Faculty Committee on the Review met on November 11. Dr. Emmons was not able to be present. Dr. Pugh hoped to be there, but was detained.

Col. Babcock courteously came all the way to Princeton for this meeting, but very firmly declined to serve. I think there would be no use to ask him to reconsider. It seems to be your duty to appoint some one in his place on the Board of Managers. Some of us thought that it would be well to appoint a business man, and the name of Mr. R. J. Dearborn, 22 High Street, Summit, New Jersey, might be a good man. The selection, of course, rests with you. I suppose the man chosen should be notified before our next meeting of the Joint Committee.

I think we accomplished something, but left over some important decisions for the next meeting on January 8.

Ever cordially yours,

William Hallock Johnson.

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MEETING OF THE TRUSTEE AND FACULTY COMMITTEES ON THE REVIVAL OF THE THEOLOGICAL REVIEW

November 11, 1942 1:00 p.m., Springdale

Present: Dr. William Hallock Johnson, Chairman; Dr. Lewis Seymour Mudge; Col. Guilford C. Babcock; Dr. Frederick W. Loetscher, Chairman; Dr. John A. Mackay; Dr. Kenneth S. Gapp; Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr, Jr.

On the recommendation of the Board of Trustees the Joint Committee met:

1. To appoint an Editor-in-Chief.

2. Together with the Editor-in-Chief to define the objectives and outline the policy of the Review.

3. To establish an Editorial Board.

Before proceeding to these considerations it was requested that Dr. Johnson, as Chairman, appoint Dr. William Barrow Pugh as secretary of the Trustee Committee, known henceforth as the Board of Managers. Col. Babcock indicated that he felt inadequate to serve as a member of the Board of Managers and politely, but firmly, declined to accept his appointment.

Proceeding to the business at hand, President John A. Mackay was unanimously appointed Editor-in-Chief of the new Review.

Dr. Mackay presented some notes for a "Suggested Constitution for the New Review":

SUGGESTED CONSTITUTION FOR THE NEW REVIEW

I. Name

The name of the Review shall be "Christian Theology Today".

II. Aims

The aims of the Review shall be the following:

- 1. To contribute to the restoration of theology in the world of today as the supreme science, of which religion and culture both stand in need for their renewal.
- 2. To promote interest in studying the central realities of the Christian faith, and in their presentation in thought forms which shall be consonant with their special character and a help to their understanding.

3. To be an organ of that interpretation of the Christian religion to which may be applied with equal propriety the terms "Biblical" or "Classical", and which, among other things, involves:

a. The authority of Holy Scripture as the supreme source of man's knowledge of God and His redemptive purpose for mankind.

b. The recognition of the fact of sin in human life, the inherent sinfulness of human nature, and man's incapacity, apart from God, to solve the spiritual problems of individual personality, social groups, and society as a whole.

c. The truth of the incarnation of God in Jesus of Nazareth who, having died for the sins of men, is now the living Christ and

the world's Saviour.

- objectives of the Review, and each writer shall be alone responsible for his own ideas.
- 2. The attempt will be made, as far as possible, in all the articles published in the Review, to combine importance with interest, scholarship with simplicity, doctrinal truth with practical relevancy, in order that not only technical theologians may derive profit from their perusal, but that also general readers, both clerical and lay, may be enlightened and inspired.

IV. Organization

- 1. The literary direction of the Review shall be under the control of an Editor and an Associate Editor who, with the help of an Editorial Board, shall solicit and select the articles to be published in each issue. In cases where a divergence of judgment may arise the responsibility for the content of any particular number will finally rest with the Editor. The Editorial Board shall consist of members of the Faculty of Princeton and other Presbyterian seminaries, and of other persons, clerical and lay, belonging to the Presbyterian and other churches, who are in sympathy with the aims and objectives of the Review and able to make a contribution toward its development.
- 2. There shall be selected also an Advisory Council, made up of clergymen and laymen in different parts of the country and of the world who, by their background, experience, and personal qualities, may be able to make valuable suggestions to the development of the Review.

Dr. Johnson introduced a statement of the principles of the Review which he suggested could appear later in a published prospectus advertising the intial appearance of the Review.

In discussing Dr. Mackay's "Suggested Constitution", it was agreed:

1. That the name of the Review be "Theology Today".

2. That Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr, Jr., be the Associate Editor.

3. That a special committee consisting of Dr. Johnson, the Editor and Associate Editor select an Editorial Board of not less than twelve or more than fifteen apart from those directly responsible for the publication of the Review; and also an Advisory Committee, the names to be presented at the next joint meeting of the Board of Managers and the Faculty Committee.

That the considerations under items contained in Section II, 3, 4 -"Aims", of Dr. Mackay's suggested constitution be remitted to the Editor and Associate Editor with a view to redrafting the same in the light of the discussion.

5. That the next joint meeting of the Board of Managers and Faculty

Committee be held on January 8, 1943, at 6 p.m.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Dr. Mudge.

Respectfully submitted, Hugh Thomson Kerr, Jr., Secretary for the Joint Committee. 8 / ...

9 Hamilton Avenue, Princeton, New Jersey, December 4, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Robert:

Since receiving your letter of November 27 I have been talking with Dr. Mackay. He has seen Mr. Dearborn, whom I mentioned, and finds that Mr. Dearborn feels that he is new in the Board and not fitted to serve on the Board of Managers of the Review. Dr. Mackay and I agree that Dr. Edward B. Hodge would be a good man if he will accept. I don't think the name would hurt us.

Dr. Mackay seemed horrified when I spoke of the matter you mentioned about the Presidency of the Board, and I am sure will not agree to any change being made. There is no young man in the Board that I know of who would cualify for the position. Both your name and judgment are an asset to the Board that I am sure neither the committee nor the Board itself will be willing to surrender.

Very cordially yours,

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William Hallock Johnson.

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tre REV. HUGH WILLIAM JONES, D. D. WEST PARK APARTMENTS 421 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK CITY Temporary address grobert E. Speer 1195 Evelid AVE Laxeville Come. Berkeley, Calif, Wear D- Speer; November 4th 1940. First Church of Berkeley Calif, Sollowing my introduction to you by Di Downs, - though you + myself had known each other casually for many years. De Kircher g Sacramento had hoped to speak to you regarding me + per-- haps he did. I met you years ago also in Synod Hall in Edinborouch in 1910. to my health is perfect, though I have reached the retiring age, it is very hard for me not to be active to if D- English could use I should be heartily glad. In many ways more matured ministers are needed to-day though younger men are naturally introduced to vacant Churches. I am conservatur in my theology but avoid both extremes of Extreme modernisme of Sundamentalisme Jam of Welsh Extraction. Jam here temporarily visiting my Southis Young wife + am urged to stay until Thunks - giving but I can return to try, + East any time . I shall be glad if through D= Emblish I could be used in known land or anywhere.

Sincerely yours - Augh War Jours!

Newton Road Plaistow, N. H. 1940

THE TERRIBLE DRAMA OF THE AGES

- (1) A definite, established social order, backed by a powerful religion social and psychical stability. The people enjoy a temporary measure of peace and security, at a given intelligence level.
- (2) A rise of human intelligence the existing social and religious order is questioned.
 - (a) Impact of science upon religion. This began a decade ago.
- (3) The old order breaks under increasing human intelligence, new truth and better understanding. The people become confused, as the old landmarks and reference bases are upset.
- (4) Then ensues a period of social, religious and psychical instability. The confusion increases.
 - (a) We were in this situation yesterday.
- (5) An increase of laws, rules and regulations follow, in the attempt to fight the evils, previously held in check, under the old order.
- (6) Desperate attempts to check the rising tide of evil are made. Increasing laws, rules, and restrictive legislation are put in force. Penalties, legal traps and legal hair splitting increase. This operates to destroy individual freedom. The honorable people are penalized in this attempt to fight evil by law.
 - (a) We are at this point today!
- (7) An iron bound rule, by law ensues. Law is God! Fear sweeps the people!
- (8) This is broken by the rise of a new psychical sacrifice! The old order falls and a new one begins. This is accompanied by revolution. terror and blood shed!
- (9) Slowly, gradually a new order arises and eventually becomes great only to fall in due time like all its predecessors?
 - (10) Must this terrible drama go on, is there no better way?

I believe there is a better way - will you let me outline it to you?

Yours for Intelligence and a Better Social Order.

Newton Rd. Plaistow, N. H. 1940

A THESIS

Man progresses because brave and intelligent men have dared to oppose the erronious theories and practices of their day! These pioneer men have been ridiculed, scorned, ostracised, tortured and put to death! This process still goes on and today I am proud to be numbered among those who dare to speak in defense of new truths, and to attack theories and practices which I believe to be wrong and misleading.

It is my purpose, particularly, to attack religion in the hope that it may be purified, the rubbish discarded and the great basic truths restated. Ninety nine per cent of religious utterances and writings are unadulterated bunk (delusion), and the other one per cent is so great that without it we should all perish! It has been said, "where there is no vision the people perish"!

No one person, past or present, human or divine, possesses all the truth, no one religion possesses all the truth, not all the writings in the bible are true nor reasonable, and not all the truth is possessed by exoteric or esoteric mysteries! I am convinced that man is fallible, that the work of prophets and messiahs is full of fanatical delusions, that much of the biblical writings are historical or irrational and I am sure that Solomon is no fit guide for modern man. Moreover, I do not have to prove that he who is mastercraftsman of the "electrical fire" is greater than he who is mastercraftsman of the old fashioned "charcoal fire".

It is my purpose particularly to attack science, in the hope that the erronious theories may be replaced with better ones, and that the attempt to mechanize and debase man shall stop!

Loud are the pronouncements of science, but if science shows us the back track and how man evolved from nothingness, will science also show us the forward track! He who has nothing to offer, except back tracking, is in considerable measure a traitor to the forward progress of humanity!

I look with the same pity upon the ignorant religious man who dares not subject his religion to scientific scrutiny as I do upon the hypocritical scientist who debases man and denies his mind and soul! Man's soul is greater than mind or body, Man's mind is greater than his body.

(1) A sound body!

(2) A reasoning intelligent mind!

(3) A soul that lifts a man to comprehension of right and wrong!

THE BASIS FOR A BETTER SOCIAL ORDER

Religion

The first step consists in rationally evaluating the religious work of the psychical persons (Prophets, Messiahs and so-called Divine persons) from the earliest known records to the present day. The net result would be basic, religious, ethical and moral truths of inestimable value.

Religious truth is not new. It only needs redeclaration, but a redeclaration without fanaticism, ignorance, rubbish or bloodshed. Think what could be accomplished if the ancient truths in simple form could be properly coupled with modern scientific truths and presented to the people for their guidance and well being!

On with vision -- "Without vision the people perish!"

On with simple ethical and moral truths.

Down with all religious rubbish, hallucination delusion and superstition.

Science

The first step consists in humanizing science. Science is a sharp sword, it can be used to help or to destroy society. In the hands of character it points the way through darkness, fear, superstition, ignorance and intolerance. Men of character men who love truth, should strive to put science to work for the benefit of mankind. Think what could be accomplished if science were used rightly and the deceitful and hypocritical perversions of science were abolished.

Science should instruct the people in the meaning of psychical action, and in the relationship of mental troubles and religion!

General

Society progresses upward when there is a sufficient number of persons of intelligence, character and conscience, who by act speech and writing, will actively work to raise society. Conversely, society falls.

Despite all the assertions to the contrary society is falling today and that is shown by the confusion, chaos, trouble and war which is provalent almost everywhere! Dishonesty, deceit, immorality, hypocracy and insiduous propoganda are at new high points, even in our own country!

It is my firm belief, that when conscience dies and a people become strictly realistic and legally minded, they are headed down grade. Such a people accept no personal responsibility and are creatures of expediency! That is the situation today!

It is also my firm belief that the first step upward is the acceptance of personal responsibility! A new and better social order will be built when men develop conscience, hold to worth-while ideals, stand for truth and accept a personal responsibility to raise society to higher levels of intelligence and integrity!

Yours for Intelligence and a Better Social Order,

Dear Dr. Spoon My Sept. 10, 1940. Many thanks for your bind letters of the 11-th instant. Tobe sure, the same is deaply appreciated. contacted by the Director of almiss-ions of the school to which you referred my letter, but no meterial aid and assistance was fortheoming and no encouraging developments transpired. Newly theless, your gracious interest and endeavore are the source of real gratefulness on my part. you have written several books, of them of nearby small public libraries. I certainly am most Some of permanently having some of your writings; donsequently, an world to somethour havege to purchase one of the same. inform me asto whether or not you have a copy of "How to fresh effect—wely in Public without Notes" that wou could tarsonally sign and in Seribe with your name and send seribe with your have, I shall at once forward to you have, I shall at once forward to you have, I shall at once forward to you the cost of this volume, fifty cents (50).

40 W. Frank Ive. Thankyou!

Tower City, Pa. Harle F. Kaufmann



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer

Lakeville

Connecticut

Kaufmann, Karle F. Sept. 17, 1840 Dear ton Spear: fully acknowledge necessal of both your bind card and also the excellent book , The Yoshel of John. Many thouls for the same! I deeply appreciate your graciousness and sincere helpful endeavors. at present, & am really nouplussed regarding the college and schooling situation. Never-theless, & hopefully and trust of an opening somewhere. to hear from you at anytime in the days that lie alread. May every blessingle yours! appreciatively yours, Stow. Grand ave. Harle F. Kaufmann Renna.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Rev. Dr. Robert C. Speen

Rockledge

Takeville, Conn.



In reply refer to

DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

July 31. 1943

My dear Dr. Speer:

I have received by reference from Mr. Hiss, Assistant to Mr. Hornbeck, your letter of July 27, 1943 requesting any information which may be available regarding the further repatriation of American missionaries interned in China. I have noted that your daughter, Miss Margaret Speer, is in Japanese custody in China.

As is mentioned in the enclosed copy of a press release issued by the Department in regard to the civilian exchange negotiations with the Japanese Government, it is expected that an agreement will shortly be reached to exchange approximately 1,500 American nationals from the Far East for 1,500 Japanese nationals from this hemisphere. The Swiss representatives charged with the protection of American interests in the Far East have been requested to telegraph the names of the persons to be embarked in the forthcoming second exchange, and as soon as this list is received I shall promptly inform you if your daughter's name is included. Your interest in her welfare and her return to the United States has, of course, already been made a matter of record in the Department in order that all possible assistance may be provided in connection with her return to this country at the earliest feasible opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Keeley, Jr. Chief, Special Division

Enclosure:

Press release no. 206, May 22, 1943

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,

Rockledge,

Lakeville, Connecticut.



Kernan, William C.

The Board of Christian Social Service

of The Diocese of Newark 24 RECTOR STREET, NEWARK, N. J.

THE REVEREND WILLIAM C. KERNAN
CHAIRMAN, REFUGEE COMMITTEE
33 FERNCLIFF ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

July 7, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Rockledge, Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. Shipler has forwarded to me your reply to his letter concerning my project, Christianity and Democracy.

Although the original plan was to include only clergmen as sponsors of it, the response has been so enthusiastic that I have been urged to include Christian laymen also.

Consequently, I am glad to have the opportunity to extend to you, as a Christian layman, the invitation to sponsor this project. If you think well of it I trust that you will reply favorably to this request.

Every good wish and believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

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VILLIAM C. KERNAN

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June 21, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer Lakeville Connecticut

My dear Robert:

I am reporting to you regarding the reception of our Committee's Report on A Righteous Peace to the General Assembly held in Detroit. I am enclosing a copy of the Report. It was adopted without change. There were a few remarks by our pacifist friends, but they never came to any action or amendment.

May I thank you for your assistance in formulating the Report. It has been received with a good deal of satisfaction and I think is an expression for which our Church may be proud. It ought to be useful, especially for preachers and for young people's study groups.

With appreciation for your fine cooperation, I am
Yours very sincerely,

Ketcham George F.

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sters to the Government along, and for serving as a service.

REV. S. ARTHUR DEVAN Director

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Doctor Robert E. Speer Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

As you probably know, the General Commission representing some twenty-nine of our Protestant denominations, processes the applications of Chaplains for both the Army and the Navy. This is probably our most important work.

However, no less important is the "News Bulletin," which is sent to every Protestant Chaplain in the Army and Navy, and to many church leaders as well, the purpose of which is to act as a moral and spiritual stimulus to the Chaplains, many of whom are young and inexperienced. Another purpose of this "News Bulletin" is to arouse a more definite interest in the work of the Chaplaincy among the Protestant Churches.

Included with each issue we like to have a letter of about 450 words from some outstanding church leader, someone of experience and wisdom who by this means can write a helpful word to the Chaplains - the kind of letter a father might write to a son in the ministry. Is it asking too much to suggest that you prepare us such a letter? I know it will mean much to the Chaplains to have a word from you, for through all the years they have always felt that you were their friend.

The last time I saw you was at Hampton. I remember walking with you across the campus talking about your son Elliott, whom I was fortunate to know.

With very best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

George Franklin Ketcham Assistant Director

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Doctor Robert E. Speer "Rockledge" Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Doctor Speer:

We are tremendously grateful to you for your kindness in preparing a letter for Chaplains to appear in our next "News Bulletin," and we are particularly grateful when we realize you had to write it out in long-hand. You need have not fear that we will have trouble in deciphering your writing because there are hand-writings here in our office which are considered much harder to read.

We are taking the liberty of putting your name on our mailing list as you may find interest in receiving the "News Bulletin" as it comes out.

Thanking you again for your great kindness and with every best wishes, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

George Franklin Ketcham Assistant Director

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LEE H. KIEL, M. D. HOTEL SHERMAN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 19, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, D.D., 156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear doctor Speer:-

On behalf of the session of Fourth Presbyterian church, I wish to express to you our deep appreciation for the very fine series of quiet noon day talks; and evening addresses during Holy Week. They were most helpful, and we feel that Fourth Church is stronger spiritually, better poised, and better able to cope with the many knotty problems that face us.

We always feel very happy and most fortunate when you can come to speak to us, and we hope that a similar occasion within the next year or two, may again bring you to Fourth Church pulpit.

Most gratefully yours, in the Master's

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service.

Asst. Clerk of Session, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR ADEQUATE RELIEF APPROPRIATIONS

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March 29, 1940

You are one of about 1500 persons to whom the enclosed memorial is being sent. It is hoped that it sufficiently explains itself.

Its sponsors, listed below, urge you to read the memorial and earnestly hope that you will be willing to sign it.

In any case, will you kindly return it at once in the enclosed envelope?

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To the President of the United States

This memorial we address to you because of our concern for the desperate need of millions of our people and because of our conviction that these needs can be met only by prompt and effective action by the national government.

As President you represent the whole people of the United States. We therefore appeal to you, because there are in this country today millions who are in need. Under your leadership great gains have been achieved through the development of extensive national programs of relief and social security. These were established to aid states in a task they were unable to assume. Since there is still a vast amount of unmet or only partially met need, we call upon you to use your great office to prevent undue ourtailment of the WPA program and to remedy continuing inadequacies in current relief efforts.

PRESENT RELIEF MEASURES DO NOT MEET EXISTING NEEDS

Relief measures now in effect are inadequate in the following respects: first, in some parts of the United States, there are certain groups of needy families for whom, except for federal surplus commodities, no relief of any kind is available; secondly, often where relief is granted it is wholly inadequate; thirdly, WPA jobs available through existing funds fall far short of present needs. Specifications under these heads follow.

For Certain Groups No Relief Is Available. In some areas no relief, except that afforded by federal surplus commodities, is granted to employable persons or their families, even though they cannot get work. Jurisdictions authoritatively reported within the past six months as denying aid to needy families in which there are employable persons include most southern states and a number of cities, among them Washington, D. C., St. Louis, and Kansas City. In other jurisdictions, including Toledo and Cleveland, relief to employable persons has been suspended from time to time as "crises" arise. In still other jurisdictions relief to families of employable persons is given only on a very meager basis.

Further, with but few exceptions, all states deny relief to persons who cannot meet residence requirements, and these are in some instances highly restrictive. Also, in some states aid is denied to aliens.

How many hundreds of thousands of families in dire need are refused relief is unknown. That there should be any, is intolerable.

Relief Granted Is Often Inadequate. Deficiencies in existing relief programs cannot be measured solely in terms of denial of relief. They must also be judged as to the sufficiency of relief given to those who are aided. In both October and November, 1939, official reports show that in three states -- Arkansas, Mississippi, and Oklahoma -- the average monthly "general relief" grant was less than \$5 per household. It was between \$5 and \$10 in eleven

states -- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. It was between \$10 and \$15 per household in eleven states -- Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington. The national average in October was \$24.05, and in November \$24.93 per household.

Moreover, this relief administered by state and local governments without federal aid or leadership, and patently inadequate, is the only form of public aid available to persons who are not given either WPA employment or special assistance (such as aid to the needy blind and aged, and to dependent children) administered under the federal social security program. The number of cases (households) granted such state and local relief was over 1,600,000 in October, 1939, and over 1,500,000 in November. These figures were higher than for these same months in any year since 1935 -- the number aided in October exceeding by 100,000 to 320,000 the number aided in the same month in any year subsequent to 1935. Thus the number of cases being forced to fall back on inadequate state and local relief is growing larger.

What resources these families had in addition to these small relief grants is not known. It is known, however, that in many jurisdictions the total resources available to families fall sharply below standards deemed necessary for maintenance of health -- to say nothing of decency and comfort.

WPA Employment Is Inadequate. WPA has been the salvation of a large part of our working population. Untold human suffering has been averted and very great advantages in the form of public improvements and services have accrued to the American people as a whole. During the last three months of 1939, however, the number employed by the WPA averaged only about 2,000,000. This was some 20 per cent less than the number of WPA jobs provided during the same three months of 1936 when unemployment was even less than in 1939. During the last quarter of 1939, WPA employment was approximately 35 per cent less than during the same quarter in the previous year when unemployment, according to estimates of the National Industrial Conference Board, was only about 20 per cent greater. Official estimates indicate that one million needy employable persons who might be employed on WPA projects cannot now be given jobs because of the inadequacy of appropriations for that program.

Dismissals From WPA Have Caused Great Hardship. A recent study of approximately 138,000 workers in 23 cities discharged from WPA jobs (as a result of congressional action requiring arbitrary dismissal of those employed continuously for 18 months) shows that total weekly family income of workers not reinstated in WPA employment by the time of the interview averaged only \$8.23 per week. Weekly family income exceeded \$10 only in New Haven, Buffalo, New York City, Detroit, and Milwaukee. It averaged between \$5 and \$10 in Boston, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Denver, Los Angeles, and Seattle. It fell below \$3.50 in Richmond, Washington, D. C., Birmingham, Charleston, Jacksonville, Louisville, Nashville, and Omaha, reaching the lowest point of all -- \$1.52 -- in St. Louis.

Worse still, this study showed that approximately one-third of the families were receiving no relief and were without employment of any kind. Some families had no income whatever during the two weeks before the interview. Many

of these had no choice but to borrow, or dispose of personal belongings. Some had to beg -- sometimes for leftover or unsalable food.

With conditions like these among workers only recently dismissed from WPA jobs, it is easy to see what must be happening to families which for protracted periods have had neither WPA employment nor relief.

Underlying these needs and contributing to them are hard social and economic realities -- unemployability, sickness, part-time employment, low wages, unemployment.

FEDERAL AID AND LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING RELIEF PROGRAMS ARE INDISPENSABLE

If men, women, and children are to be saved from hunger, ocld, and despair the federal government must give leadership and financial support to the development of adequate relief programs. The federal government has an inescapable responsibility to see that either work or relief is provided for every needy family in the land. Although this, we believe, should be done in cooperation with states and local governments, the primary obligation rests upon the federal government. Failure to discharge it will mean widespread human suffering.

Millions Still Unemployed. Despite recent contentions to the contrary, estimates, official and private, indicate that between 8 and 10 million potential workers (including, of course, those employed by WPA and CCC) are still unemployed. The National Industrial Conference Board, a research body maintained by manufacturers, has given a preliminary estimate for January, 1940, of 9,296,000 unemployed. The Survey of Current Business for February, 1940, issued by the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce states: "Unemployment continues to be a serious problem despite the marked expansion in general business activity in 1939. Although subject to a considerable margin of error, estimates of the number of unemployed, including more than 2,000,000 on WPA and CCC rolls, indicate approximately 9 to 10 million idle workers at the close of 1939 This large volume of unemployed labor power exists despite the record flow of goods and services which was attained in the latter part of the year. Both industrial production and real income on a per capita basis, however, are still considerably below 1929, since there has been an increase of nearly 10 million in the population during the past decade."

Immediate Reduction In Relief Expenditure Unwarranted. With unemployment and need in the United States continuing at high levels, reductions in federal expenditures for relief in the immediate future would be unjustifiable and inhumane. Relief programs for the past several years have been so inadequate that no degree of economic recovery likely in the near future would justify any immediate retrenohment. There must be no cutting of relief items from governmental budgets that would result in cutting off from necessitous men, women, and children their one last means of support.

Problem Transcends Politics. Questions of political expediency in this presidential year must not be allowed to obscure the nation's obligation to see that needy families are provided for. Human needs transcend all partisan considerations.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HARLEM, MONTANA

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January 12,1943

The Rev. Robert E.Speer,

Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have been rather dilatory about writing you for the book you so generously offered to send to the men ettending the seminar at Helena. I do not know whether you make it a practice or not, but I would be very proud and happy to have you autograph my copy. Of course you remember the book you specified, it was your life of Bowen the missionary.

My fellowship with you and Dr. Irving marked a spiritual milestone in my life I received great benefit from the messages that each of you brought to us. I can truthfully say the never in all my Christian experience have I been more helped and inspired than I was by your message the last day on the presence of Christ, you will remember you spoke to us on the words of Jesus, "Lo I am with you alway." I reviewed this particular word of yours to my people who were also greatly helped.

I am so glad to have had the privilege, under God, of meeting you and being instructed by you in the things of the Spirit.

Most sincerely yours in Christ,

T.M.Kingslev.

First Preebyterian Church,

Marlem, Montana.

Dear Mr Speer

Jeuppere you have heard Jethe persong Jour dear friend, Ir Orte, at his home in Richmond last Friday, surrounded by his Jamily. I know how much you loved him, as all of us did, I have thought much of the delightful days and years we in langt much of the delightful days and years we in le & a had together, as I revised his remarkable life.

I have just written the enclosed to Mess Ekkend, sending you this copy since I have no dect, and are bury getting ready for fall work ownting. I am to leach at

yale Awnety Tehral Mondays o Tuesdays and as usual at Uned. of Pa on Wednesdays.

I have had a five enmoner lecturing or leaching in Walif. This summer, and the last two weeks with the Family at home. all are well theppy. Robert & year to Uned. I md. John R. is doing fine teaching in Cleveland, this. The rice writing enclosed is Joyce's.
All the Inmany send love Juy

42-59 Bowne St. Zlushing, N.y. July 17 th 1946 Kirchhoff Charles Dear Dr. Speer Keterning fram a short vocation I found your gracious letter and more Than generous consideration. But Dr. Spen, I trust you thought my expuses running to such amount because I beg to remind you, as I bocasionally home the retur = ving Missionaries, that we Work for the Braky tirein Mission where services lovingly rendered, may suly be compensated by selent apprecention. My actual nutley for Ohone. and fores amounted to \$1.85. The balance of the cheque, I beg.

To inclose and return. I feel augh sompens ited in once ting splended Mrs. Barbour and her lovely Children and having had a selcome opportunity to do a little service for you Let we say that Mr Stile was furt as auxious to have every thing possible done to mut The situation. What worres me is that I could not notify you and Mrs. I pen proceptly to hear hand at time of annial. But, as the lest buil plans of mice and men oft miss = carry, so it happened here. Sunday at 6.P.M. on the Pier, Softhia arriving, my prominent

informant of amond hice expected Jamaria not before Tuesday or Wednesday. Supormation was rather sease because of the many children abourd. Mouday the same Official ded not reach his Office bylase I'M. Then, getting information Marinal Impress was de = layed in trying years, p home. Thuce during my chase to The Vier, the report was busy every time. Let we thank you and Mrs Speen for your unders touching of the situation Perf sincerely Charles Hischoff

Kirckhoff, Chas. Y 42-59 Bournest Flushing, N.Y. May 2 d 1942. Dear Dr. Speen: -I hauk you surerely for the feeling of pressed in your more thou generous appreciation of my abings, when I really enjoyed the privilege of association with such a fine closes of people. The plasure was all mine when elelcoming those who returned from their fields of histian enderwour to their friends and homes in our countryand this, because I was always willing to do my best / dame fortune being su my side sorthed a feeling

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HARRIS E.KIRK, D.D. 502 CATHEDRAL STREET BALTIMORE, MD.

September 23rd 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Lakewood, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

It was just like you to send me this letter and I sincerely appreciate it.

I am back in the very best condition now and sorry that so many of my friends have imagined that I was in the last stages of decline.

What happened is simply the result of emergencies such as that which arose at Pittisburgh through the failure of the coming of John Whale. I had only reached Northfield after that conference when Dr. Mackay appealed to me to take over Whale's work at the Princeton School. This proved to be even more exciting than our Pittsburgh gathering, and when I got back to Northfield I was very much exhausted. Immediately a grave emergency appeared there. So few had registered for the general conference that the committee and Bill Park had to face the option of giving it up entirely or having a smaller conference. They asked me to take over the smaller conference entirely with the exception of the Sunday preaching. This involved me in fifteen addresses, all of which has to be prespred on the grounds for I had not expected anything dike that at all; and on top of this many informal talks with the ministers. The conference by the grace of God returned to the old D.L. Moody plan, and we had around 200 each day at the Chateau in the Hotel grounds; and so blessed were we that it is now determined to continue

this same plan for next year. On the whole I am confident that we shall find this simpler and to you I say it more Biblical plan the best way to face our present emergencies.

Well to make a long story short this strain brought on a complete physical and mental exhaustion, and the dotor came in and put a veto on any more work that summer. On this account I had to call off my Montreat visit and so spent the rest of the time in complete rest. I have returned in good condition, and although this is the first time in my busy life I have ever had to stop on account of illness, it has been a means of grace to me, and reminded me that after all I am human and not a machine.

It is good of you to tell me again you approve my Rice Institute lectures. I worked very hard on them because I tried to put into them my final confession of faith. If at anytime you would like one or two copies to give to others I will gladly send them.

All blessings on you and Mrs Speer. I shall eagerly hop to see you next summer at some of the conferences.

Sincerely yours,

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HARRIS E.KIRK, D.D. 502 CATHEDRAL STREET BALTIMORE, MD.

November 24th 1942.

Dr. Rebert E. Speer,

Lakeville Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer,

There was no need for you to trouble to acknowledge receipt of the little book.

But this gives me an opportunity to ask your advice.

The copies of the Rice Lectures in which you have taken so much interest are about all exhausted. This pamphlet was not published as a regular book and is not as a rule for sale. I believe I control the copyright and do not think I should have any difficulty in getting the consent of the Institute to publish it in book form.

I get many requests for it all over the country and cannot grant them for lack of cobies.

What I would like a frank word from you is this: Is this worth putting into book form? I do not wish to endarge it, for I do not believe that is needful. Harpers proposed this to me some time last year but I did not feel that I wanted to do it. Some small alteration in the opening words would make it a small book on a big subject, and if you can advise me about it I will be grateful. I do not want any money for it, only to fill a demand that seems to be growing. Can you propose a publisher? If so, what about Revell? He seems to reach

the preachers as well as any. I am not anxious to get into the galley of the Sbingdon Press, as they seem inclined to push only the glamor boys who make their bubble reputation at the radio's mouth.

Think it over and when you get time drop me a line. I will appreciate. it.

Always gratefully yours,

Kiroack, Howard

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August 17, 1943

SARA B. DE FOREEST TREASURER

RODNEY D. CHIPP SECRETARY

Dear Dr. Speer:

We have what we consider conclusive evidence to the effect that the American Bible Society went out of its way last year to put obstacles in the way of our National Bible Week campaign.

Such action is hard to understand, especially when some of your fellow Vice Chairmen have not only contributed but have cooperated with this movement. We feel in any event, it is a matter that merits your attention.

We think it only fair to advise you that National Bible Week this year will be from October 11th to 17th and to inquire if we may look forward to continued opposition on the part of the American Bible Society to our efforts to make people Bible-conscious.

We would greatly appreciate an expression from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Howard Kiroack Executive Director

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August 26, 1943

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RODNEY D. CHIPP SECRETARY

Dear Dr. Speer:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 24th.

I quite agree with you - a frank and honest discussion would probably have averted all of the trouble. The following information should be of interest to you:

First - the American Bible Society opposed a Joint Resolution which was to be offered by Senators Styles Bridges and Josh Lee, calling upon the President to issue a formal proclamation declaring National Bible Week as the second Monday in October of each year. I was informed by the Senate that the American Bible Society instituted the opposition to this Resolution.

Second - they discouraged the Columbia Broadcasting System from giving us a half hour for a Bible Week campaign. I was told this by an officer of the Columbia Broadcasting Company.

Third - they approached the headquarters of the Christian Science Church in Boston and endeavored to discourage Mr. B. Palmer Lewis, Committee on Publications of the Christian Science Church of the State of New York, from serving asa member of our Advisory Council, to the point that Mr. Lewis had to justify his continuance as a member.

All of this information can be substantiated.

When we originally entertained the idea of establishing a National Bible Week, we discussed the matter with Mr. Manson, President of the American Bible Society, Dr. Stifler and Mr. Rome A. Betts, all of whom seemed very enthusiastic about the idea. We changed our date on First Annual Bible Week (1941) from the second Monday in October to December 8th,

FOUNDER OF VATIONAL RIBLE WEEK-

to wind up on Universal Bible Sunday which the American Bible Society had established throughout the Churches. Our reward for this cooperation was a deliberate attempt to malign the Committee on the part of the Rev. Eric M. North, whom we had never met.

When one of your fellow Vice Chairmen called up the American Bible Society to inquire about the movement, the Rev. North informed him that they, the American Bible Society, knew nothing about it, whereas, there had been two different conferences and Mr. Manson had made his personal contribution to the movement.

We found the December date impractical for Bible Week for many reasons.

First, we could not get window displays of the Bible and religious books, due to the fact that all the stores had their windows set for Christmas.

Second, we could not get the desired publicity due to the Holiday news items and activities. The same applied to radio time.

Third, we were in the midst of nationally established drives, such as the Red Cross, Cancer, Salvation Army, Tuberculosis, etc.

Fourth, we found that people's attention was concentrated more on Christmas than on the Scriptures.

Five, on the matter of contributions, we found that the majority of budgets had been exhausted.

We therefore resolved to go back to our original date, the second Monday in October, and we intend to maintain that date.

We felt in spreading God's word that there was room for every-body. We find we are not competing in any way with the Society. As a matter of fact, we have been told by both laymen and the laity, that we are complimenting the American Bible Society.

It might interest you to know that this organization does not solicit, nor does it accept contributions from any church or church organization. So, therefore, by establishing National

Bible Week, we are not drying up any potential contributions of the American Bible Society.

While we do not expect the endorsement of the American Bible Society of our work or activities, we do feel that a kind word would be more in keeping with the teachings of Jesus Christ as we know them, than the tactics they have resorted to in the past.

Sincerely yours.

Howard Kiroack

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Dear Colleague in Christian service:-

As a result of study and discussion on the part of the Special Committee on Japanese-American relations appointed at the Annual meeting of the Council last Novomber it has been decided to send a Christian Followship Doputation to the United States.

This Deputation will be composed of Rev. S. Tada of the Kochi Presbytorian Church, Dr. Y. Abo, bishop of the Mothodist Church, Rov. M. Kozaki of the Reinanza Congregational Church, Dr. T. Kagawa, Hon. T. Matsuyama, M. P., Miss M. Kawai, principal of the Keisen Girls' School, Mr. S. Saito, general secretary of the National Y. M. C. A., Dr. William Axling, honorary secretary of the National Christian Council.

In defining its mission the deputation has adopted the following six objectives: (1) To strive for a betterment of Japanese, Amorican relations (2) To strengthen the bond betwoen the Christians of Japan and the United States (3) To convey the greetings of the United Church of Japan and make clear the purpose of its establishment (4) To give expression to the gratitude of the Christians of Japan for all that American Mission Boards, and American Christians have done for the furthering of the Christian Movement in Japan during the past eighty years. (5) To discuss future policies of cooperation between the United Church of Japan and the Mission Boards and Churches of the United Whurch States (b) To confer regarding the recrientation and reconstruction of the Christian Christian Mission in Eastern Asia in its relation to the Christian Churches of Japan and the United States.

It is of course understood that the American Church leaders will have suggestions to make and subjects to propose.

The deputation is a unit in believing that war is not the way out of the present tension between the two nations. It will therefore strive to preserve peaco. However it does not think of it mission in political terms. It is determined to keep it a clear-cut Christian venture. As its name indicates it is a Christian followship deputation. Through mutual prayer and conference with American church leaders, it will strive to deepen the fellowship between the Christians of the two nations and explore possibilities of cooperative effort for the future in the Kingdom task.

The deputation is scheduled to sail on the Kamakura Maru, March 27th. It will welcome suggestions favorable or unfavorable which will help it to carry out its important mission. Especially does it crave your earnest and steady pragers. In behalf of the deputation,

Yours most sincerely.

Acting Chairman of Deputation

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Thanksgiving Morning, 1943

My Dear Doctor Speer:

It was a joy and inspiration to see you again and to have you share with us in our Faith and Life Seminar some of the unsearchable riches you have found in our Lord and Savior.

I know that it will be a continual challenge to all of us who were there to discover more of what Jesus Christ means to us and to our congregations. I am sure that many of us will seek to be more Christlike and to touch those next to us with the spirit of Christ.

Some years ago I discovered this saying of Augustine's, 'One loving spirit sets another on fire. 'I wrote it in my Bible beside2 Corinthians 5:14 'The love of Christ constraineth me. 'It has meant a great deal to me.

This is what this Faith and Life Seminar has been to me this year. You and Fay Campbell and Ezra Van Nuys, and the other ministers there in loving spirit have set another on fire. I thank God for that blessing that has come to me.

With deep appreciation and in Christian friendship, I say, May God bless and use you in the same way for many others.

Yours, in the service of our Lord.

Ray C. Odrug.

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Dear Dr. Speer:

The Church Peace Union is preparing a study course on basic issues confronting the churches in this crisis of international affairs. We hope that this study will go beyond statements of general principles to a careful consideration of practical technique for religious groups. In approaching this task we are asking a very limited number of leaders for their counsel.

Will you be so good as to indicate what, in your judgment, are the chief problems that churchmen need to face in these three areas:

- a) The principles which underlie, or ought to underlie, an adequate speace.
- b) The main obstacles to the achievement of these principles in practice.
- c) How can the churches make a significant contribution to the achievement of these principles.

We shall be greatly indebted to you for such reply as you care to make. Naturally, your statement will be considered confidential.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, Education Committee

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c/o 410 Riverside Drive, apt. 141 New York City, N. Y. August 30, 1941

Mr dear Dr. Speer:

Few days ago I got your present address from Dr. Sailer's secretary of this city as I bring along a letter of introduction from my teacher and friend Dr. Lowry Davis of Honolulu. It will be very pleasant if I could be able to meet you in the near future. I shall study at Princeton Seminary this fall, and I learn that you are the President of the Board of Trustees of the Princeton Seminary, and probably you will attend the "stated meeting of the Board of Trustees" of the Princeton Theological Seminary, which will be held on October 14th at Princeton. I am looking forward to seeing you in the campus of Princeton then.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin S. U. Kwoh



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January 4, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Speer -

. May I begin this letter by wishing you and your good wifeand all yours our best wishes for 1940, even though it seems at times almost wicked to be wishing this for ourselves and our friends when the world and so many millions of its people are in such ghastly

conditions of suffering.

What has led me to write to you now is the fact that I have been reading Fred Coans story of his missionary life with a brief foreword by you. Fred has had many interesting experiences, perhaps more than most missionaries, but I fear that a vivid imagination working through the haze of years has often given a distorted picture of what really happened. There are also aome amazing inaccuracies, which knowing the

author as we do, might have been expected.

After reading Fred's book and seeing your evident interest in it, the thought has come to me that possibly you might like to see a record of an entirely different kind; but one which has no ambition to get published. Indeed all of us who are interested would oppose utterly such a suggestion. My sister Bessie with leisure on her hands, as a labor of love for the immediate family circle, has pieced together the Labaree family record from letters beginning with the going out to Persia of my father and mother in 1860, down through their years in Persia, and then of Ben's and May's mission-ary career and more briefly of Mary's and mine. The editing of the letters has been unusually skillfully done; competent persons outside the family circle have said so. I think that Mother's gift of letter writing has given some remarkably vivid pictures of early missionary life in Persia. The letter she wrote to her father (found too late for the chronicle but kept in a pocket of thetype written record) of the death of her first born boy Georgie under peculiarly trying circumstances in Gawar, is one of the most poignant I have read anywhere.

Now I am writing to you not because I have any axe to grind or wish from you any foreword; but it has occurred to me that because of your warm personal relations to Father, you might like to look over the Labaree Chronicle. In case you do desire to do so, I should be glad to send you as a loan my copy. I think that there are only five or six copies in existence. You might at first be appalled by the size of the chronicle; but it is made up of double spaced typewritten sheets and it does not take long to run through it.

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Yours very cordially

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May 28, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Rockledge Lakeville, Conn.,

Dear Br. Speer;

This acknowledges your letter of the 26th inst, concerning the Ore Hill school house.

A special town meeting has been called for June 2d at 8 P.M. as you will see by to-days Lakeville Journal, and among the purposes is that authorizing the sale of this School House.

I am afraidmI won't be at the meeting, as I don't go out evenings and am not allowed to climb stairs so cannot offer the amendment to any resolution as may be proposed, but will have to leave it to you to look after it.

I have made a couple of typewritten copies of the pencil draft of amendment I made last fall, which I enclose with the priginal draft.

Very sincerely,

Noward F. Landon)

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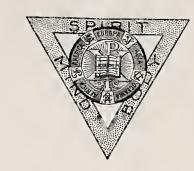
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Christmas 1940.

Dear Speed

We have made an interesting addition to our last year's greet-ings card and thus 'the Resurrection of Babel' has now become 'Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon Yesterday and To-Day''. These are pictures taken from the original bricks and writings and from the ancient site of Babylon which show in a remarkable way how prophetic teachings, as taught from Genesis to Revelation about the Rise and Fall of Babylon, must be fulfilled.

This card is particularly appropriate at the present time as it shows in an extraordinary way what has happened to many of the world's greatest cities and temples between Christmas 1939 and Christmas 1940, and which must, according to scripture, happen to "Babylon the Great" and Jerusalem of tomorrow.

It is well to recall that the two most important cities of scripture are Babylon and Jerusalem, the former meaning 'the vision' or 'possession of peace'', and the latter 'the gate of God''. Just as Palestine is the ancient site of Jerusalem, past, present, and for the 'New Jerusalem'' that is to come, so modern Iraq in the place of Babylon, yesterday, to-day, and "Babylon the Great", of tomorrow. It is also interesting to note in passing that there is in the city of Berlin a life size memorial to Babylon's past greatness.

The Magi or "Wise Men of the East", who first brought the Christmas message to Jerusalem 1939 or 1940 years ago, very probably came from 'Iraq, where the God of Israel often revealed Himself in the days of the Babylonian and Persian World Empires.

The Star to which the Magi 'hitched their waggons' (Matt. II.) halted at Bethlehem of Judea, in accordance with the prophecy. (Micah V.2.) The sight of that stationary Star over where the young Child was, not only caused them to "rejoice with exceeding great joy", but finding the little Child who was to become the Saviour of the world and its final Emperor, they were able to worship Him and lay their treasures at His feet.

Herod, the Roman Dictator and the people of Jerusalem were greatly troubled by this news, and their jealousy brought death to the sons of Bethlehem of Judea, and overwhelming sorrow to their mothers. But the Wise Men, after hearing God's Word, rejected that of the earthly Dictator and returned home another way, which was the Way of God's Word, and The Way of Peace.

This old Christmas Gospel causes one to think in times such as these in which we live, and to ask: - "Watchman, what of the Night" to who's star have you 'hitched your waggon', and where is it leading you.?

Millions to-day who have lived in their cities of peace, with their temple towers and their gateways to God, have listened with trust and confidence to the word of their political and religious Dictators. They are now facing utter confusion, death, and overwhelming sorrow and we may well ask why.?

Have we no Magi or Wise Men in the West who from personal experience can tell the old old story of the "Star of Bethlehem of Judea" and why it remained stationary; who can show us this true Star and whither it will lead us, so that, in face of death and sorrow, we may follow His Way, (the way of Scripture); -men who can lead us to the Child of Bethlehem, Whom we can worship and lay our treasures at His feet; men who can point out to us the Word of God so that we can return Home rejoicing the way of peace.?

If we have such men, now is their opportunity; if not, let us remember the advice of our beloved King which we quoted in our last year's letter, to let God's Spirit teach us through the Bible.

May the peace of God continue with us as we make our Homeward journey in these difficult times.

Yours in His Service,

Hace & Harold Lampard.

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409 PROSPECT STREET, NEW HAVEN, CONN. January 6, 1942

My dear Robert:

Thank you very much for your understanding note of December 19. It helped to greet me and to cheer me on my return to New Haven. The knowledge of the prayers of the group was a strength on my trip west. My mother bore the loss wonderfully. My sister's only child, a nineteen-year-old college sophomore, was amazing in her poise and faith; and my brother-in-law, for whom the adjustment is peculiarly hard, is keeping his courage and is gradually beginning to solve the unexpected problems brought by my sister's sudden going. Hard though it is on those who are left, it was a grand way to go--at full tide and with a confident Christian faith. Thank you again for your thought of me.

Affectionately yours

Leary, Lewis Graston

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April 17, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

In connection with a little book of Scripture readings and prayers which I am preparing for the special use of our boys in the national service, the prayers are being given greater effectiveness and applicability to present day conditions by being written for this booklet by outstanding clergymen and laymen who, for one reason or another, are in a position to lead the devotions of our youth. For example, among those who have promised to contribute, or whose prayers have already been received, are the following:

John Timothy Stone Samuel Cavert William T. Ellis William Adams Brown

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson (a prayer by Pres.Wilson)
Graham Wilson

Needless to say how much I should appreciate a little prayer (not over 150 words at the outside) contributed by such a leader of youth as yourself. In most cases I am suggesting a choice of themes. In your case this is not necessary. Just write a little prayer about something that our boys away from home at sea or in army camps ought to be praying about.

Will you?--please!

Very truly yours,

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MAR 7 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer, My Dear Friend:

It was good to see and to hear you after nearly thirty years since, when I heard you last time. We need some assistance from Christian friends and I got a letter from Dr. Mott which has been very helpful. Will you give me a letter given us your thought what this radio broadcasting stations will mean to Christ kingdom in China? Thank you in advance for your kind consideration and for the trouble, may the Lord continue to bless you and your works for Him,

yours in the Lord,

K 5. Lee



WIN CHINA FOR CHRIST THROUGH RADIO!

China's future in the light of TO-DAY:

We Chinese are absolutely confident that the final victory will be ours, not because of superior weapons, but rather because ours is a righteous cause and God is with us. In spite of awful suffering, this conflict has already brought many spiritual blessings.

Here are only a few of the evidences that God's mighty arm is with China:

For the first time within the last decades China has had in succession four years of good harvest (from 1936 through 1939). Singularly, the exception to the bountiful harvests has been only in the area occupied by the Japanese.

In Shansi province, for the most part, the Chinese occupied the plateau while the invaders occupied the plain. Last year upon the plateau there was a good harvest, while down on the plain there was nothing to reap.

During the winter of 1938 the Yellow River, for the first time in many decades, did not freeze, making it impossible for the invaders to cross it.

China used silver as money for more than 350 years, but in 1934 she was forced off the silver standard by the American silver act. Consequently, China sold her huge stocks of silver at a large profit just before the war broke out in 1937. The Japanese were thwarted from capturing this great amount of silver as booty, for it all had left China for America. China introduced paper currency and found it very flexible to meet war conditions.

China's leaders are Christians for the first time in five thousand years of her history. Practically the whole Chinese government is controlled by Christians, five of whom are sons of Chinese pastors. This is the fruit of the long and faithful efforts of missionaries, who were supported largely by the Americans. One in six names in China's "Who's Who" is that of a Christian.

For the first two years of the war, the Japanese army fiercely kicked us around like a football, but we thank God that He has given us a very big football field with plenty of room to bounce around! Now evidence is not lacking that the feet that have done so much kicking are getting tired, sore, and exhausted. We Chinese, therefore, look into the future with perfect faith in the outcome, for if God is with us who can be against us!

STATESMANLIKE PLANS NEEDED NOW

As a new China will, phoenix-like, arise out of the ashes of war, our deep concern to-day is UPON WHAT FOUNDATION SHALL SHE BUILD HER SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STRUCTURE? Shall she be militaristic, socialistic, heathen, OR CHRISTIAN? With a solemn prayer in our hearts for her future, we want her to be built upon the spiritual foundation of Christian faith with Christian ideals permeating every phase of her life. This is not alone a Chinese problem. China's future with her 500,000,000 "mouths" is closely wrapped up in the well-being and future of the entire world. How can it be otherwise when every fourth person in all the world is a Chinese: The time for wise planning and for constructive effort is NOW when she is so humble and so appreciative and so thirsty for the Christian message.

AMERICA -- CHINA'S FRIEND

It was the generosity of the American government's returning to China the United States' share of the Boxor Indemnity that enabled three thousand Chinose students to be educated in this country and in consequence to become China's

leaders of today. That act was inspired by a far-sighted American missionary. It was the American missionaries who came and planted the Light in our land, showing us the true way to power through prayer. Again we Chinese naturally and hopefully look to Americans for help in building China's spiritual foundations. This time it is by the aid of America's great scientific invention for education and religion: the RADIO.

RADIO CAN REACH CHINA'S ILLITERATE MASSES

Our American friends generally have understood the wonderful power of radio as a medium of propaganda. It is even more effective in China and more urgently needed because:

Eighty percent of China's "Five Hundred Million" are illiterate, for whom the printed page has no meaning. But THE EAR DEFIES HLITERACY! The radio is no respecter of persons. Ignorance can be replaced by intelligence through this great invention. "THERE IS NO ILLITERACY THROUGH THE EARS!"

China with an area of one and a half times that of the United States has very poor means of travel and communication. BUT THROUGH THE RADIO BOTH DISTANCE AND TIME CAN BE BRIDGED.

Our people have a strong natural fear of "losing face" by attending strange Gospel services. BUT BY THE RADIO OUR CHRISTIAN MESSAGES CAN ENTER shops, homes, and dormitories, where doors are often shut to pastoral calls.

This war has destroyed many churches and chapels. It will require a long time before they can be rebuilt. In the meantime radio receivers with loud speakers can be placed at street corners, in social centers, and other places of public gathering. These will supply an emergency need.

In many localities staff members of Christian schools and colleges will no doubt cooperate with the Association in broadcasting educational programs.

OUR GOAL -- TO WIN CHINA FOR CHRIST THROUGH THE RADIO

In the spring of 1933, a small group of Chinese Christians in Shanghai built the Christian Broadcasting Station XMHD, of 1,000 watt power, at a cost of U.S. \$\infty 9,000\$. Its Chinese name, by which it is best known, translated into English is "The Voice of Happiness." Since that time the station has been in almost continuous operation broadcasting Christian programs for seven hours daily, using several different languages and a variety of Chinese dialects. This has been done with an average monthly expenditure of only \$350\$. In its unified Christian program, each wook more than seventy-five speakers, both laymen and preachers of various denominations, participate. This Christian radio station has been the channel through which living water has flowed, irrigating a wide area and bringing to tens of thousands of thirsty souls the knowledge of Jesus, their Saviour.

The following are a few testimonies from Chinese and American friends who have visited the station and seen the spiritual results of this broadcasting program:-

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, broadcasting at the dedication of the station XMHD: "On the occasion of the dedication of this new broadcasting station, I consider myself fortunate to be privileged to speak a few words. One wonders at the fact that it is possible to speak over this machine so that people who live thousands of miles away can hear. This is due to the inventions of modern science and shows to what extent human beings are able to control nature. The forces of nature may be used for good purposes or for destructive purposes; but those who use them wrongly bring about their own destruction."

Dr. M. T. Rankin, of Richmond, Virginia, Field Secretary for the Orient of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention: "This Christian Broadcasting Station is a product largely of Mr. Lee's financial generosity and time. For a number of years it has been rendering an extraordinarily useful service to the entire Christian cause in China. It has the cooperation of many outstanding Christian leaders in China and serves all Christian groups. Mr. Lee and the work which he represents are worthy of any cooperation or assistance that may be given to him."

CHINA READY FOR RADIO

Before the war the estimated number of receivers in China was 1,500,000, many of which were Japanese-made crystal sets with ear-phone attached, which sold at about 40 cents each (American money). This means that radio today is no longer the monopoly of the rich. Since the establishment of XMHD, hundreds of Christians have bought receivers in order to be able to listen to the "Voice of Happiness." What an opportunity:

"WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH."

In 1939, some Chinese Christians caught the vision of winning China for Christ through the radio, and so formed the China Christian Broadcasting Association, with a board of directors composed of Chinese Christian leaders, both men and women, some of whom are internationally known. Mr. Kung Sam Lee, the Christian exchange broker of Shanghai, the promoter of XMHD, has resigned from his business and is freely giving his services as General Secretary of the Association. With him are associated Rev. Philip Lee, formerly Chinese pastor of a Chicago Church, now resigned from his position, who gives his free service to this work too. Mr. Lawrence M. Mead of Princeton, N. J., formerly of Yenching University, China, is also volunteering his service as an associate secretary.

WHAT RESPONSE FROM THE CHINESE?

Although this terrible war has bled China white economically, yet two Chinese ladies in China have promised to give each year one thousand Chinese dollars toward the support of these stations. Last year twenty-fivo Chinese friends in Hongkong paid all the initial printing bills amounting to six hundred Hongkong dollars.

One Chinese merchant in New York City, though he is not a Christian, has promised to erect the station for his native province when peace is restored.

WHY 17 MORE SEPARATE STATIONS INSTEAD OF ONE VERY POWERFUL ONE?

The government does not allow private stations to use short wave or to use long wave of over 1,000 watt power.

China has many local dialects, therefore the several scattered stations will enable the Association better to adapt its programs to the suitable local needs.

A station in each of the provincial capitals will stimulate the Christian forces in each locality to greater unity of evangelistic effort.

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS

17 new stations at the cost of U.S. \$9,000 each\$	3153,000,00
l electric transcription studio and materials	12,000,00
To help needy Christian institutions to secure receivers	25,000,00
Total\$	200,000.00

RADIO EQUIPMENT FROM AMERICA

All the radio equipment must be purchased from America because radios are not manufactured in China. Before the war one Chinese dollar was worth 30 cents, but now a Chinese dollar is worth less than seven cents. This is why we Chinese have to depend largely upon the generosity of our American friends for the funds for this undertaking.

NOW IS THE TIME TO STRIKE

The money will be needed largely when peace is restored in China. In the meantime, however, stations in the provinces of Szechuan, Yunnan, and Kweichow can be built, and also a station in Manila, which ranks as an important Chinese center because of ten million over-seas Chinese in that area. IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD MONEY COULD NOT BUY THE OPPORTUNITY that China now offers to the Christian Church. As soon as the conflict is over, we do not want to have to waste time campaigning for funds, but want to be ready to start construction of stations immediately.

ENDORSEMENTS FROM AMERICAN WELL-WISHERS OF CHINA

Dr. John R. Mott: "I believe in the important project that you are promoting."

Dr. Robert E. Speer: "Mr. Lee has given a great deal to the advancement of the Christian cause in China and has been for years the backbone of the Christian Broadcasting Association in Shanghai in whose interest he is now in America. He is a reliable and consecrated Christian layman, competent, courageous; and eager to extend the knowledge of the Gospel in China."

Dr. Edward H. Hume: "The Christian radio broadcast is a significant movement."

Rev. William Christie, Vice-President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance:
"Mr. Lee is now devoting his entire time and life to the
Lord Jesus, with a view to evangelizing the Chinese masses
through the radio. He comes to us highly recommended by
many of our own missionaries, especially by Rev. R. A.
Jaffray."

Dr. Robert H. Glover, Home Director of the China Inland Mission:

"I had the privilege of speaking from this studio in Shanghai,
last winter. The pure Gospel is sounded out from there for
several hours each day, in Chinese and a number of other
languages, and blessed results have been realized."

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Former missionary in China:

"Compared to the tremendous investment of the Christian
missions in their present plan and equipment, the small
amount required for the nation-wide broadcasting of the

story of the Gospel would be a MERE TRIFLE, but it might be more fruitful than much of the rest that is now being done."

Dr. Emory Ross of the Foreign Mission Conference of North America and General Secretary of the American Mission to Lepers: "Mr. Lee spoke to a group of mission secretaries and we all felt we'd like to help along this good project."

Hearty endorsements from the Sunday School Times, the Churchman, the Watchman-Examiner, the Christian and Missionary Weekly, The Christian Herald, the Christian Advocate.

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My Dear Dr. Speer:

Good News"

Enclosed is a memorandum prepared to send to some friends askfor help. As you know so many people, being a veteran of the Lord, you may be a ble to help us, either by writing them directly or giving us their name and addresses so that we may write or visit them.

The latest figure from the American Bible Society that China during the year for 1939 the sale of Bible and Testament is double of 1937. Taking the poverty of China caused by the war, and the difficulty of transportation, and the illighteracy, it is a modern miracle indeed! We praise the Lord for that:

My heart is burdened that the Christian church may be blind to this vision of the unique evangelistic opportunity present in China. Never was a time our people is literary thirsty for the Sacred Word. I pray to the Lord that the Christians may not fail us! I am sure you too, pray to God for us.

If more copies of the memorandum or some folders is needed, I shall be too glad to supply you whatever is needed. Or if suggestions to improve the folders or the memorandum, I shall be too glad to hear from you.

May the peace of the Lord and the nearest of His presence be with you always,

Yours in the Lord,



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CHILDREN'S BUREAU WASHINGTON

March 27, 1942

Mr. Robert E. Speer Rockledge Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer:

The Children's Bureau has compiled brief records on children brought to the United States to avoid the dangers of war. The purpose of these records is to provide an official central source of information for the use of relatives and official agencies wishing information on the whereabouts and welfare of individual children.

This information is being collected regarding children coming to the United States through arrangements made by individuals, as well as those evacuated under the auspices of private agencies. It includes children entering this country on immigration quota visas as well as on visitors' visas.

The Children's Bureau is interested in bringing up to date information regarding the present whereabouts of the children included on the Register. I am therefore taking the liberty of requesting your cooperation in furnishing us with the information necessary to accomplish this. The records give your name and address as the person providing care for the child whose name appears on the enclosed form. May I ask, therefore, that you fill out the form and return it in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

If the child whose name appears on the form is not in your home or otherwise under your care, please notify this office of the child's whereabouts or forward the form to the person with whom the child is staying. A separate form is enclosed for each child.

I should like to stress the fact that this inquiry does not constitute an investigation of the situation in which the European children are living in this country and will in no way affect the status of the children.

Recognizing that in the stress of wartime unforeseen problems may have arisen, a space has been provided on the form in which you may indicate, if you so desire, questions or problems on which you wish to comment or seek advice.

Sincerely yours,

Katharine F. Lenroot,

tharine F. Lenroot, Chief.



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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

SECRETARY OF UNITED PROMOTION REV. ARTHUR H. LIMOUZE, D.D.

Written in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 26, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, "Rockledge", Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert:

We do want you to know how deeply we appreciate your contribution to our spiritual thinking and purpose at the meeting on Thursday evening.

Many requests have come to me for a copy of your address. I have replied that I did not believe you had prepared it in written form, but, if it is at all possible to secure a manuscript of it, we would produce it in connection with our annual "SAID AT THE ASSEMBLY." Can you give us a copy of what you said?

As soon as we are in receipt of your expenses we shall send you a check and along with it an honorarium of one hundred dollars(\$100). I wish the latter could be more. If it is inadequate, let me know for I am quite sure that we can never compensate you for what you did in helping us point up our thinking the other evening.

With affectionate regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

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Arthur H. Limouze, Secretary of Promotion

Lingle, Jean P. 240 S. Oakland ave Pasadena Cale Dec. 12, 1941 Dear Dr. Speer-Thank you so sympathy my husband had been failing for some time at the last he was very miserable so wanted an operation He was getting better, although his mind was confused when he suddenly took atturn for the worse and died two days later. I cannot grieve too much for he was thus saved from dreadfell suffering just of the war would have driven him ber hullandt are living with her and the older one Dorothea and her family are more at hand.

I shall never forget your trips up to Linchow land Samkery The way William brought and mrs. Speen and the rest of the party up the river was a great triumph! your remark about his esting the fat porh, he always remembered. Those were great days in China and later bu they have even greater I hope that our people in oc. cupied China Chosen and Japan are being treated kindly. How I should like to be in China, only I would be a liability and not are asset, with this miserable heart of mine Remember me to here Speer I trust that all of us may have a blessed Christmas season even in the midst of sorrero and distress. Smeerely your friend Jean R. Lingle.

Lingle, Jean R. 240 S. Oakland Cue Pasadena, Calif. 167 June 7. 1942 Dear Dr Speer-My dang hter marg aret is preparing to go into Defense Hork", but she must have a birth cer. tificate to qualify for such work. It seems that ther birth was not recorded by Buttle Creek San! itarium, or else the records were burned at the time of the big fire there. When she returned to China in 1920 her uncle, Dr. Halter Luigle made a sworm statement that she was the dang hter of his brother It. N. Lingle. That was sufficient then in I time of peace. bilt now out here in California during war it takes more than the statement of a relative. The shall appreciate it very will make a sworm statement to the effect that she is the dang her of Rev. W. H. Lingle, born in Statistichy. h.C. and of Jean Richardson Ritchie Lingle born in Cini cinn ati. Ohis. Margaret meune Lingle (amos) was born at Batale Cruck Sanitarium Och 16th 1898.

margaret and her husband are living with mer and my little grand danghter Jean Lingle Wron. mon, 21/2 years ded spends nearly every day with mer. I my thealth is improved so that I can get out to some extent but I have to go very carefully. I strust that you and mrs. Speen are both well. I am glad that your margaret is not suffering at great detal. He can only hope and pray that a just and righteons peace may come when men are ready for such a great boon.
With thanks to your finew,
trouble, Sincerely your friend,
Jean R. Lingle

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An International Baptist Magazine

WILLIAM B. LIPPHARD Editor

October 8, 1943

NEW YORK
Zone 16

Dr. Robert E. Speer Lakeville Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

You will recall our correspondence in recent years that was prompted by the fact that you and I were on opposite sides of the controversy over Mr. Herbert Hoover's proposal to feed the starving women and children in the occupied democracies in Europe. I have discussed this issue editorially from time to time in MISSIONS, and my latest editorial on it appears on page 455 of the current October issue, a copy of which is being sent to you under separate cover.

All my life from the time I first met you in Yale's Dwight Hall on a Sunday afternoon in 1904 during my freshman year, I have respected your judgment and have been profoundly influenced by your Christian integrity and devotion to the world mission of Christianity. But I must admit that for the remainder of my life I shall always experience a feeling of sadness when I reflect that you permitted yourself to be caught on the wrong side of this deplorable and painful issue.

I hope that all is going well with you. I note from time to time in various papers that you are making grand use of what my esteemed predecessor, Dr. Howard B. Grose, so felicitously phrased "the unexplored realm of retirement."

With cordial greetings,

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William B. Lipphard

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WILLIAM B. LIPPHARD Editor

March 1, 1943

152 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK

Dr. Robert E. Speer Foreign Mission Board Presbyterian Church 156 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

You will recall our correspondence two years ago and my grievous dismay and disappointment at seeing your signature in the list of 43 bishops, divinity school professors and eminent preachers who opposed at that time all proposals for relieving the starvation of mothers and children in the occupied democacies of Europe, with particular reference to the plan then advocated by Mr. Herbert Hoover. You can imagine, therefore, how disappointed I was again when I saw your name in the list of the same 43 men which appeared in the New York papers last week, who still disassociate themselves from Mr. Hoover's realistic humanitarianism and now advocate a relief scheme of their own. For the change of heart and pangs of conscience that must have prompted it there is reason to be grateful.

I am afraid, however, that a great many people were so disillusioned by the position taken two years ago by such reputable church leaders that the present plan willnot be regarded with high favor. Indicative of that is the vigorous condemnation of the moral position taken by the 43 church leaders two years ago as you will note in Mr. George E. Sokolsky's column, These Days, which appeared in last Friday's New York Sun. I fear that when the unprejudiced and unbiased history of these dreadful times comes to be written years hence the fact that 43 outstanding Christian leaders allowed themselves to be caught in a political controversy so that they lost sight of moral considerations, will be recorded as a stain upon American Christianity.

I trust all is going well with you. I miss our association in connection with the old days of the board meetings of the Missionary Review of the World.

Cordially yours,

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Dear Robert: -

It was lovely of you to send me that splendid photo of yourself in addition to your interesting letter of March 7.

A much earlier acknowledgment should have been made. I have however been caught in the whirlfof the things that had to be done, which resulted in the postpone ent of the things that I wished to do. This does not mean that I had no desire to do the work that came to my hands in the regular round of daily tasks: on the contrary duty and desire are as a rule very delightfully commingled in the things that call for attention in this whirlpool of iniquity and human need.

Under the providence of God it has been my privilege to touch the Shanghai community along a number of lines of service; beginning with refugees in hospitals and camps, later, opportunity was given me to take part in the work of the Christian Broadcasting Station; to this was added the chairmanship of the International Proyer Meeting several invitations to address the Shanghai Ministers Association. More recently, the call has come to prepare about fifty patients in a Tuberculosis hospital for church organization. These are convalescent patients.

I am enclosing a copy of a recent call to the International Prayer Meeting in which you will see that you had part. Finding
myself somewhat overloaded, I have resigned this chairmanship but will
remain a member of the Executive Committee and do what I can to enlist
interest.

Do you find that with the advancing years you are losing to some extent the snap of the days gone by? Nothing has come to my ears to indicate that such is the case with you but I find it is true with me. I am alloed one more year of official connection with our Mission but my wife and I hope to continue to serve China for a number of years to come. Please pray that our strength may be equal to the golden opportunities that present themselves on every side. You will be pleased to know that it has been my joy to administer the Sacrament of Baptism to 59 souls in the Shanghai refugee hospitals and one large refugee camps within the last two years.

illness of Mrs. J. R. Graham who is my wife's only surviving aunt. She may be called to her reward any day or her departure mry be postponed for months. With beautiful patience she is writing for the hervenly summons. We love to have her with us but to depart in God's own best time will be for her "far better". If our Lord calls her Home Mrs. Little and I will probably spend the remaining "one year" at Kiangyin.

Hoping for the best of tidings from you at no distant day and with constant remembrance before the Throne,

Affectionately,

Lacy

"Sleepy Brook" Cottage August 5 1941

Dear Robert: -

It has been a dismally long time since my last letter was received from you. The blame rests upon me: for you have been delightfully prompt in responding to my poor missives.

Many changes have taken place since I wrote to you last. First came the problem of remaining in Shanghai or returning to the Homeland when both the Government of our country and the Executive Committee of our China mission urged us to come away.

At first the problem was easy of solution: my wife's only surviving aunt with whom we were sharing our apartment had suffered from several strokes of paralysis. The husband and daughter of this aunt were also sharers of our apartment in the French concession. So strong and so tender were the ties that bound us to them that it was easy to decide that our first duty was to remain with them just so long as this dear aunt remained in our midst. It would have meant death to her to have tried to tran port her by sea to the Homeland. Within a short time, however, the merciful hand of the loving Father lifted her up to her Home in Glory and the problem presented itself anew.

The thought of my wife being locked up in a concentration camp in case of war between the United States and Japan was too horrible to contemplate. And I knew she would not take one step toward the Homeland unless I came with her. So, we decided to come and I still feel that it was the better part of wisdom.

I had not been well before leaving China and the voyage and the many demands upon me after getting back to the dear home circle proved too much for my strength. My doctors advised me to go to the Duke University hospital. There, they found no serious organic disturbance but strongly advised a period of rest. After two months I met a number of speaking engagements, after which my wife and I came away to Montreat for the summer. Here, we have a delightful cottage, which we share with our relatives as they come and go.

It was with great eagerness that I had been looking forward to meeting you here in August until I found from the program that you would speak after our departure from Montreat: for we must leave on the 20th of August to make ready for our work in Charlotte during the coming school year. My wife has accepted an invitation to teach Bible in that city in two junior high schools, while I hope to find many opportunities to speak on "China" in the churches and schools.

I am sorely disappointed not to see you. My hope is that our paths may cross somewhere at no distant day.

After Aug. 20, please address me in care of Mr. Julian Little, Charlotte, N.C. Holding you in constant remembrance,

Affectionately, Lacy

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123 Guthery Apartments Charlotte N.C.

January 29, 1942

Dear Robert: -

It is remarkable the way our exchange of letters has continued, sometimes at long intervals, for well nigh fifty years. I have waited too long this time to reply to your good letter of August 8. I am sure your life is a very happy one with your many activities and having your married daughter and her children with you and a British refugee in addition.

My heart goes out to you in your uncertainty with reference to your daughter in Peiping. I do hope ere this you have the best of tid-ings from her or, best of all, that the way has been opened for her return. From some symm source I learned that Yenching University and been closed and that Dr. Stuart was being held in "honorable confinement".

My wife is enjoying teaching Bible in two junior high schools we have a small apartment and are having a happy time in the midst of many friends and relatives.

I have suffered much from persistent headaches. My doctor has forbidden me to do any speaking until there is a change for the better. He attributes the headaches to low blood pressure and is doing what he can to remove the cause. I am sure you will unite with us in the prayer that I may soon get back into active service.

may the coming of the Prince of Peace be hastened!
With love abounding,

Cordially yours,

Lacy

(Little) Lacy

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701 N.Greene Street Greensboro N.C.

January 15, 1943

Dear Robert:-

Your fine Christmas letter was richly enjoyed. Most heartily do I thank you for the hope expressed that I may soon be graduated from the school of pain. It would be good indeed to be back into active service once more.

I think I have not told you of a line of work in which I have become interested that does not require any great amount of physical or mental energy: I refer to the distribution of tracts as I take my daily morning walk. The Gospel Publishing Company of Chicago issues a large variety of attractive leaflets which are thoroughly evangelical and written in a good English style. There has been a very gratifying reception of these tracts on the part of those to whom they have been offered. It is my custom to request each one who receives an attract to read it and pass it on. In this way one leaflet may have access to many individuals and homes.

Quite recently there has been quite and unusual outcome from this line of work. I wrote an article to the Christian Observer giving an outline of this type of evangelism which was read by a lady in Clearwater, who be came interested in what I was undertaking. We had never met her but a good friend of hers was also a good friend of ours. As a result this good lady in Clearwater invited Mrs. Little and myself to occupy a furnished apartment in her home free of rent as long as we might care to do so. Then I mentioned it to Dr. Myers he said "It looks like the Lord is taking care of you".

we have decided to accept this kind invitation for a while at least and are planning to leave for Clearwater on the 21st of this month.

Our address will be: 409 Princess Street, Clearwater.

I am enclosing an article on "Earth's Golden Age" by Dr. J. P. McGallie which I think you will enjoy. It was you who in the autumn of 1890 presented in a same, attractive way the doctrine of the Second Coming of our Lord. Through the passing of the years I have never ceased to be interested in this study, having changed my point of view several times. Dr. McCallie's presentation of the subject appeals to me very strongly. I should be pleased to have your opinion of it.

As always,

Affectionately, Lary

my

701 N. Greene Street Greensboro

April 8, 1945

Dear Robert: -

Your fine letter from Tulsa, Oklahomo, under date of February 10, was gladly received. What a wonderful work ou are doing for the Haster all over our beloved Homeland!

Many thanks for your words of encouragement in regard to my tract distribution. I am happy to say it has not been altogether fruitless, though it falls far short of what I should love to see accomplished.

I think you will be interested in a tract incident that had its beginnings in Dunedin, a town of 3,000 or 4,000 inhabitants quite close to Clearwater. One day, while my wife and I were waiting for a bus I strolled away for a few paces and met a rather disconsolate-looking old gentleman. I placed a tract in his hand, expressing the hope that he might find something helpful in it. He accepted it very graciously and said he knew a man in who was engaged in the same line of work
Bhiladelphia. When I asked for the name of his friend he replied that his name was Dr. Erdman and he lived in Germantown. I said "I am going to "Dr. Erdman for treatment in the near future. He spoke in high terms of Dr. Erdman and we passed on.

On the 17th of March Mrs. Little and I arrived at Dr. Erdman's hospital and received a very cordial welcome. I was introduced to an elderly gentleman by the name of Preston, who married Grover Cleveland's widow. She was in the hospital with her husband and I had the pleasure of an introduction to her. She said to me "We have heard from you in Florida." Her husband said that I had given a tract to his brother in Dunedin and his brother had passed it on to him. Later, I came in touch with the brother whom I had met in Florida and we had a ver pleasant chat. I though you would be interested in this rather unusual coincidence. My hope is that there may be a truly spirit-

ual fruitage.

You may have met all three of the Erdman brothers? Dr. Charles, formerly of the faculty in Princeton seminary; Dr. Walter, for a number of a missionary to Korea, now retired from active service, and Dr. Frederick, the specialist in diseases of the circulatory system.

My wife and I were under Dr. Erdman's treatment for two weeks, after which we returned to Greensboro, arriving here on April 1.

We think both of us have received benefit and are carrying out- the one to the other-the treatment begun by Dr. Erdman. I am sure you will unite with us in the prayer that permanent good results may follow.

Holding you always in constant remembrance,

Affectionately, Lacy

(Little) Lacy

701 N.Greene Street Greensboro N.C.

July 7, 1943

Dear Robert:-

Your good letter of May 26 was gladly received. It was good to know that you were having a let-up, after your strenuous series of conferences. I was also pleased to know that you had a good time at our Princeton class reunion: to have ten present was doing quite well. I was sorry not to be one of the number.

wife and I have had for several days. She came on invitation of the woman's auxiliary of the First church and in addition she gave several other addresses on China. We had the privilege of working at the same station with her in China. She returned to the Homeon landon, the Gripsholm in August of last year. Through force of circumstances she was the only foreign missionary at our station for nineteen weeks previous to her coming coming away. Finally, she was driven away by the Japanese - but without suffering serious loss or indignity. She is full of zeal for the Cause and is eagerlay awaiting the day of her return to China - it may be to West China.

For the first time in years our Executive Commlyttee of Foreign Missions is free from debt, with a surplus on hand for the resumption of the work when the way is clear.

May the day be hastened when the hosts of th Lord shall come forth victorious over the powers of darkness!

Affectionately,

Lacy

Lloyd, Elizabeth

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January 31, 1941

Mrs. Emma Bailey Speer Rockledge Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Mrs. Speer:

We have your letter of January 24th, addressed to Mrs. Elliott. Permit me to apologize for not having answered sooner, but the press of the work on the Dinner-Forum has prevented me.

I want to thank you in the name of the Committee for your joining as a sponsor. As you will note many national sponsors throughout the country also can't be at the Dinner.

I feel that you may be interested in knowing how they, however, are aiding in the success of the Dinner-Forum. The plans for the Dinner-Forum include, as the accompanying folder states, the inviting of ministers and church men and organizational workers from small and missionary supported churches who might otherwise be able to benefit. They will be guests of the Dinner Committee.

For that purpose a subsidy fund is being raised, and the enclosed material is being used by those who are aiding in getting these funds. We assure you that we who are working for the success of this effort welcome any assistance that can be extended.

Your letter has been passed on to Mrs. Elliott for answer by her with reference to the personal matters you referred to.

Sincerely

Sec'y. Women's Committee

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Dear Dr. Speer:

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CHILD TRAINING
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For some months I have been working on a scientific interpretation of the Christian religion. I am attempting to evaluate the teaching of Jesus in the light of modern psychology and the principles of character education.

I have come to feel the need of assistance from outstanding scholars in religious education:

1. To learn the reaction of recognized scholars to my statement of a basic concept of Christianity.

2. To obtain candid estimates of the Spiritual significance of Christian baptism.

I am finding it difficult to point out the spiritual implications of baptism and to explain the function of this sacrament in the regeneration of man. The emphasis given to baptism by some churches indicates that it is considered important either to induce repentance or to stimulate subsequent religious development.

I am, therefore, appealing to seventy (70) recognized Bible scholars in America (chosen from eight religious groups) asking them to answer the inclosed questionnaire. You are one of the seventy Bible scholars selected.

Will you kindly answer all the questions on this questionnaire and return it to me as soon as possible?

The names of those participating in this study will not be associated with the items of the published report, nor will answers be grouped as representing the views of particular churches.

It is hoped that you will express your own views in answering the items of the questionnaire, without reference to the views held by the church with which you are affiliated.

If you desire a report of this study, please check that request on the questionnaire.

Thanking you most earnestly for your cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Earl G. Lockhart Lockharh

(Please use back of this sheet for comments)

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Ι.	One serves God by helping someone in need. True but wied Babsat.
I.	One has the Spirit of Christ, if he has the mind of Christ, that is, the interests, attitudes and purposes of Jesus. True
V.	Is Christian baptism a symbol? Yes (If answer is "Yes", please indicate what baptism symbolizes). A symbol of: 1. Cleansing from sin 2. Death, burial and resurrection of Jesus 3. Death of old self and rising of new self 4. A could be man from a symbol also
V.	What is the purpose of baptism? (Check best answers) 1. To obey the commandments of Jesus 2. To manifest faith in the resurrection of Jesus 3. To obtain remission of sins 4. For the Gift of the Holy Spirit 5. To "Put on Christ" 6. To bury the old self 7. "The answer of a good conscience toward God 8.
I.	Should Christian baptism produce any mental or spiritual change? YesNo If your answer is "Yes", what is the nature of the change?
	(Further Comments on Back)
	If baptism causes no spiritual change, of what value is it?
I.	Why did not Jesue himself baptize?
I.	Why was Paul thankful that he baptized only a few?
Х•	Do you think some persons object to baptism because they fail to see spiritual implications in it?
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Dr. Robert E. Speer, Lakeville, Comm.

Dear Dr. Speer,

I have just noted that you are to be in Berkeley for a minister's conference on Oct. 29-31st. I am wondering if you have a Sunday night free either before or after your engagement with the Ministers Conference.

We should like very much to have you at "The Inter Church Hour" which we are launching at a union evening service in our building starting in October.

We have already scheduled Dr. Arthur Holt of Chicago for our speaker on Oct. 27th. We have no appointment made for Nov. 3rd and wish very much that you might be with us at that time. It is possible that Dr. Holt might change his date to Oct. 20th but I am not sure at that point. If one of these dates would be possible for you, I would appreciate it if you would wire me immediately on receiving this communication. Send it collect. If neither date is possible, I wish you would write me promptly as I will hold Nov. 3rd until I hear from you.

Seven churches of the community are cooperating in this venture in church cooperation and the service is boradoast over KRE. We are a block from the University and should have a fine group of students for you. Our building is the one in which the General Council of Congregational Churches has just been helde

Since we are at the beginning of the venture we are weak on the financial side.

We would however expect to give you three fourths of the offering and retain not

more than \$10 even though our one foruth amounted to more than that.

We hope very much that you can accept the invitation which we so cordially extend.

Sincerely yours,

Vere V. Loper

Shall Christians kill their enemies in peace or in war? Christ's answer: Thou shalt not kill. Love thine enemics. Do good to them that hate you. If you love those who love you, what thank have ye? Even sinners do likewise. Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto, do ye likewise unto them. If ye forgive not men their trespasses neither will your father which is in heaven forgive you. Blessed are the peacemakers. Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. For the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives but to save them By what commandment of the Prince of Peace can his followers preach war or kill in war? The Christian's duty: If you really want peace, don't just pray for it -- live it and preach it Must Christians fight to keep their doctrine and the Bible? My Kingdom is not of this world else would my servants fight.

Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Why call ye me lord and do not the things I say?

Keep sending this message until it reaches the ends of the earth.

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Dr Robert E. Speer Presbyterian Bd. of For Missions Lakeville, Comm. St.

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My dear S. Speen: -Ne are making a book - a little mter pretive Study - of Harry's radiant life 4 work. There, here perenal Who had a. Rasing influence in his life - foremost aneong them being Dr. Charles E. Robinson, "huele Charlie", of-the 2nd Presty-Clunch, Scranton. Jan key auxino That gitting tribite de paid him la our book. I remember him as presumently a man of You - & true Shepherd of his flock. But my Time we the Scientin Church has of Short duration. You knew how hell, ded you not? I wonder Mether you would be willing to Let me have, your impressions of him & also your permission to quote what you may feel led to say a bout Dr. Nobeccom? The formany purpose, of sen book to to the Council of our Lords Kingdom in This distracted world. I ask your prayers in this Tuon. Eun yours succeely, Thisasut P. Luce

Luce, Henry R. HENRY R. LUCE 9 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA NEW YORK August 17, 1942 Dear Dr. Speer: Because you knew my father, I em sending you a small memorial volume which I believe you may like to have. Published at the request of many of his friends, the book contains selected commemorative paragraphs written by men and women with whom he had worked most closely. I regret that it was found impractical to include all of the inspiring messages which came to us from friends and fellow-workers. The volume is not, in any sense, a printed tribute to my father alone. Rather is it a short survey of the work he and his associates were privileged to do in extending the Kingdom of God and in fostering mutual understanding between America and the Orient. The volume is sent to you in real appreciation of what his association with you meant to my father. Them & Luce Dr. Robert E. Speer Rockledge Lakeville, Connecticut

HENRY R. LUCE
9 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK

October 29, 1943

Dear Dr. Speer:

Because of our mutual interest in the subject, I am sending you herewith, with my compliments, a copy of a recently published book, entitled "China".

I believe you will find, as I did, that the volume is an excellent graphic presentation of that great country and its people. And I should like to take this opportunity to express once again my appreciation for all you have done in the common cause of Sino-American friendship.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

HENRY R. LUCE

Dr. Robert Speer Rockledge Lakeville, Connecticut

1200 "Seagulls' Rest" CHARLES EDWIN LYMAN GRYMES HILL STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. Aug 14 = 1943 Dr. Roll & Speer. My dear Doctor! Under another Covered am mailing you today my booklot of powers cutilled " Porms of a fifthme which I trust you may enjoy. Lannow post much years old but my memory still retains its freshness. I distructly remember your visit one Ameday Evening to our Chapel (Reformed Church Poplar Weaglets Halen Hand) on the crast of the hull overlocking Hygronge. The meeting was held in the corner of our Hothur you were then a Fudul from the Jenniary, Awas a cramped of letterplan your creek form nearly touched the culing Fronder fyou recallit. Thannen forgother if I can thits ree Abefore we orewendy the threll that new test the was advice to the young. Your truly Shirus Mucan

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May 27, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Enclosed is a summary of your charge at the inauguration of Professors Halsey, Clarke, and Malone. Will you be so kind as to examine it and make any corrections that you may find desirable. I shall be grateful if this can be returned to me at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

John F.Lyons

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THE INAUGURAL CHARGE

*Address by Robert E. Speer, D.D., H.D.: What the Church
Has a Right to Expect from the Seminaries.

There can be no presumption in the claim that the Seminaries have done their work as well as any trade or professional school. We may compare our Seminaries and their product with the medical schools and the health of the draftees, or with the law schools and the condition of our legislatures and courts, or with our military schools and the lack of military preparedness. Through the years our Seminaries have sent out a body of earnest, capable men who are not afraid of criticism.

If we make any mistake, we are over-critical, and that is a safer mistake. There is in the ministry a feeling of intellectual inadequacy in the face of present problems. But This inadequacy is actually much less than may be found in any other type of public servant, and yet no other group is so ready to admit it as the ministry. The present confusion in every sphere of life has made the minister doubtful of his position, and he sitant in speaking out against our secular naturalism. There is also a great awareness of the neglect of Bible study in the ministry today, which may be coupled with too much desultory preaching and homiletic moralism. But back of all this is

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a great body of devoted men who are carrying far more

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relieve men of this confusion and to give them guiding principles. Our ministers must be trained to face this confusion, to see through it, and to lead men out of it.

Of course the very fact that we are aware of our confusion is a good thing, for we may be able to see in the dark what we have been unable to see in the light. What insight there was into the issues of human life on that day when it is recorded, "There was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour." Therefore in this time of confusion the Church has a right to ask the Seminary to give the student:

- (1) An understanding of the simplest principles of our Christian faith, such as the Kingdom of God, the Church, conscience. There is today an appalling confusion in the Christian mind regarding there things. Yet theological thinking is crystal clear by comparison with contemporary confusion in other fields of thought.
- (2) clarification of the Christian message for the world today, especially in its application to present day problems. What message do we have for this generation? We still have Jesus Christ as an historic figure and a cosmic personality. Never has he been so interesting or so

to fit Jesus into the whole life and fabric of the world.

The Gospel message was never so pertinent as it is

teday. We must make men aware of the realities of
the unseen, the supreme reality of God and his claim
upon the lives of men. The relations of men to all
mankind and the assurance of the end must have a vital
place in this message.

- highest ideals. On the bell of a famous academy is inscribed this caption, "Come here, boys, to be made men." The Seminaries have here a great responsibility which they cannot slight, as builders of Christian personalities, men of "antiseptic" spiritual life, men who read their Bibles, who know how to think, who practice their Christianity wherever they go, and who can the opportunities where they are. Men like Babcock, Richards, for Alexander carried no ill-fragrancies wherever they went:
- shy of the word "leader". This word is mentioned only of the New Testament once in the King James Version, and then it refers to the blind leading the blind. In Matthew's account Jesus said, "Neither be ye called masters upon the earth." Our revised concept of leadership must be after the pattern of Paul who speaks not of leading men but of being led by God. The business of the Seminary is to send out "ministers"

in the New Testament sense of "servants".

In Paul we have an authoritative standard for
the ministry. "I preach,""I teach,""I persuade," each one is an affirmation of the Apostle. "I preach
Christ and Christ crucified," said Paul. "I teach" - he
was the teacher of the Gentiles. He taught from the
Old Testament to prove Jesus was the Christ. Much of the
New Testament is what he did teach and write. "I persuade"In writing to the Corinthians Paul said, "Knowing the terror of
the Lord, I persuade men." This is your opportunity. I beg
of you, Do not lose it. In the routine of Seminary life
the evangelistic glow may fade. My only charge is, Let the
fires that you bring never die out on the alter of this Accordance.
As the years pass by, may this deeper longing for
a kindled heart glow continually with brighter heat.

^{*} A reconstruction from notes taken by Robert J.Dick, E.William Remley, Richard A. Dempsey and Mrs. Davies.